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Japan's Future
Trade Policy

THE elevation of Mr Ichiro Hatoyama from the leadership of a caretaker Cabinet to the full status of a Prime Minister endowed with a popular mandate betokens a new political era in Japan. It also sets the world guessing as to the future course of Japan in international affairs.

It is, for example, of more than passing interest that both Russia and the United States derive satisfaction from the result of the Japanese elections. Washington observers feel convinced that the emergence of Mr Hatoyama as Japan's political leader involves no weakening of ties with the United States. Moscow, through its radio and newspapers, remains equally satisfied that Japan will now begin to draw away from American influence and will be considerably more sympathetic towards the Communist nations.

TIME and events will most likely find the truth to lie somewhere between the two viewpoints. The Japanese Premier has avoided using the expression "co-existence," nevertheless his election platform concerning Japan's future international relations smacked very much of this latest type of political philosophy. In fact, Mr Hatoyama made the country fully aware of his predilections for this policy before the elections by making overtures to Russia aimed at normalising relations between the Soviet and Japan.

What now remains to be seen is how the Japanese Premier proposes to steer a course in international relations that will avoid giving offence to either East or West. The United States, in particular, will be sensitive to any action which has the appearance of drawing Japan away from the democracies. And she will watch even more closely, and probably with some apprehension, the new government's expressed determination to increase trade with Communist China.

Japan is not a signatory to the United Nations embargo on strategic commodities, but she has assumed moral obligations to respect the conditions of the embargo. Will Mr Hatoyama, in view of his popular mandate, consider he has been freed from previous undertakings and embark on an unrestricted trade programme with Peking? The consequences, in terms of Japan's relations with the United States, could be considerable.

THERE are no signs that America is prepared to support any move to lift the UN trade restrictions against China, and she would take a very poor view of any country with which she considers she has any sort of friendly alliance or affiliations, which did anything to undermine the effectiveness of the embargo.

Clearly Mr Hatoyama has to move carefully in giving effect to his proposals for expanded trade between Japan and China if he is to avoid upsetting American sympathy towards himself and his new government.

There is no difficulty for him in convincing the Western world of the necessity of Japan increasing her overseas trade, including that with Communist China. The important consideration is the form this expansion takes and whether it will involve the repudiation of agreements made with America relative to the United Nations embargo.

BRITAIN'S POLICY IN ASIA

Clear Exposition By Eden At Kuala Lumpur PEACE & SECURITY



Sir Anthony Eden

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 2.

The basis of British policy in Asia was to help countries of Asia enjoy peace and security unmolested, Sir Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, said today.

He was speaking at Kuala Lumpur airport before he left by air for Rangoon. Sir Anthony said that was why Britain had joined SEATO.

This was purely a defensive action, he added. "But we are of course equally anxious to work together with Asian nations who do not happen to share our views about the need for collective defence arrangements."

Sir Anthony said: "We know that their interest in maintaining peace in this area is as real as our own. We constantly exchange views and information, in particular with the Asian members of the Commonwealth whether they belong to SEATO or not."

Wives Call Trooper "Hell Ship"

Complaints Over Trip From HK

Our Own Correspondent

London, Mar. 1. Six hundred men of the King's Regiment (Liverpool) tonight sailed into their home port after three years in Korea and Hongkong.

As the troopship Empire Clyde neared the quayside they listened for the homecoming cheers of their relatives—but the rain-soaked landing stage was deserted except for a handful of Army officers, docks officials and a sprinkling of relatives. Many troops aboard protested when told the Army had banned their wives, sweethearts and other relatives from the landing stage.

And while the troops protested, angry wives of men aboard complained of conditions on the 10,000 miles voyage from Hongkong. They called it a "hell ship."

Scarlet Fever On Troopship

Liverpool, Mar. 2. Seven children of servicemen returning to Britain from Hongkong contracted scarlet fever on the voyage. It was disclosed when the 10,000-ton troopship, Empire Clyde, arrived here last night.

These cases caused the closing of the ship's school and the cancellation of the children's fancy dress ball. A ship's official described as "unfounded" complaints of overcrowding during the voyage which caused Mrs. Bessie Braddock, Labour MP, to table a question in the Commons.—Reuter.

It is believed questions will be asked in the Commons by Mrs. Bessie Braddock, MP for the Liverpool Exchange Division following a complaint that four women and three children were forced to share a cabin 12 feet square during the month-long trip.

Mrs. Joan Rainford, wife of Sgt. Ronald Rainford, wrote to Mrs. Braddock from Port Said complaining that despite cramped conditions, some cabins were empty for most of the voyage. Said Mrs. Rainford: "We complained to the OC troops but got no satisfaction. 'The cabin were two other mothers with their children and the Chinese bride of a corporal.' Mrs. Teresa Foster, wife of a Signals corporal, and her eight-month-old son were in the same cabin. Said Mrs. Foster: "Two nights out from Hongkong I could stand it no longer and took the babies out on to the open deck."

Other wives described conditions as "murderous" and "fit only for cattle." (Continued on back page, Col. 3)

Demand For Release Of Americans Repeated

Washington, Mar. 1. The State Department announced today that the United States had presented a new demand to Communist China for the release of 41 American civilians.

The action was taken at a meeting of American and Communist Chinese consular representatives at Geneva, the State Department said. The announcement said that since contacts between the United States and Communist Chinese representatives started last June at Geneva, 18 Americans, who had been imprisoned or otherwise denied permission to leave China, had been released.

NOT UNPRODUCTIVE The Department's press officer, Mr. Henry Suydam, said, "These negotiations have not been unproductive and we naturally hope more will be released."

The negotiations for the release of 15 United States airmen. The meeting in Geneva lasted two hours and the exchanges were carried on in French.

The State Department spokesman said: "The atmosphere of these meetings is correct. The representatives conduct themselves in a completely proper manner. They don't spit in each other's eyes or throw books."

He added that the United States requested the meeting and that it regarded the negotiations as continuing even though the Chinese representative had restated the Communist position, that no Americans were being "unjustly detained."—Reuter.

Imprisoned Students Strike

Lima, Mar. 1. Fourteen University students who have been imprisoned here for nearly a year have gone on a hunger strike in an effort to force their release. It was reported today.

The students, who were arrested on undisclosed charges last March 31, sent letters to the University authorities and newspapers, here, charging that their imprisonment was unjust. —United Press

"We have always tried to base our policy towards China on a realistic view of her place in the world affairs."

"We have worked hard to restore normal relations with China. We have no wish to interfere in internal Chinese affairs. But there must be a two-way traffic in this respect."

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"The consequences of this, whatever the size and whatever the country to which they belong, would be these days be catastrophic for us all."

A MAIN PURPOSE He said one of the main purposes which Britain shared with all those genuinely interested in the future of Asia was to help Asian countries raise their standards of living.

The British Commonwealth had made a memorable contribution by inaugurating the Colombo Plan in 1950. Sir Anthony said that Britain wanted to see steady progress along the road to self-government in Malaya.

The obstacles to this were terrorism and Communist infiltration and subversion. Then a stable economy and administration had to be assured.

Asked his opinion on proposals for a general amnesty for Communist terrorists in Malaya, Sir Anthony said: "That is not for me to pronounce upon, but I do think the generous, surrender terms existing at present are sufficient."—Reuter.

3 Mild Tremors

Tokyo, Mar. 2. Soon after a meteorologist's warning that Japan had suffered unusually few earthquakes lately, Tokyo this morning felt three. Two others had occurred during the early morning on Monday.

Today's quakes shook the capital, but not seriously, within eight minutes between 7.17 and 7.18 local time. The epicentre was reported in Yamaguchi prefecture. No damage was reported. —Reuter.

Volcano Sequel

Paho Hawaii, Mar. 1. The civil defence authorities declared a state of emergency here today, following the violent eruption of a volcano which had been inactive for 55 years.

Appointment



VICE-ADMIRAL G. V. GLADSTONE

Far East Naval Officer For NATO

London, Mar. 2.

The Ministry of Defence announced today that Vice-Admiral G. V. Gladstone is to succeed Vice-Admiral Sir Edward M. Evans-Lombe in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation appointment of Commander, Allied Naval Forces, Northern Europe, about June 1 this year.

Until recently Admiral Gladstone was serving as Flag Officer, second in Command, Far East Station.—Reuter.

Radio-Active Lead Bricks Stolen

Paris, Mar. 1. The theft of 200 radio-active lead bricks which had been used in the atomic pile at the Fort de Chailillon, to the south of Paris, was announced here today.

Authoritative sources believed that the theft took place yesterday. The thieves were believed to have taken advantage of the lunch-hour break to knock an opening in the wall which surrounds the Fort and back a lorry up to it.

Entering the Fort, they then apparently took another lorry, into which they loaded the lead bricks, which have been under atomic radiation from the atomic pile.

The bricks were then thrown. It was thought, from one lorry to the other. This handling alone was an extreme danger to the thieves.

A minute description of these bricks, together with an appeal to the thieves to come forward, was broadcast on the radio to-night.—France-Press.

Grandmothers Demonstrate

Calcutta, Mar. 1. Grandmothers and mothers carrying children joined teenagers in a women's march on the West Bengal State Legislature today to demand jobs with equal wages.

There were about 3,000 women and children in the parade. They carried a memorandum demanding equal opportunities and wages with men. The youngest to sign the memorandum was 13, and the oldest 81.

The procession and memorandum were organised by the Pro-Communist National Federation of Indian Women and climaxed a six-week campaign.—France-Press.

DEBATE FIXED

Paris, Mar. 1. The Senate's steering committee today fixed March 22 as the provisional date for the opening of the full debate on the ratification of the Paris Agreements.

Compton And Bailey Hit Out, Add 134 More Runs

Sydney, Mar. 2.

England continued to rattle up the runs in the Fifth Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground today losing only two wickets—those of Denis Compton & Godfrey Evans—for the addition of 175 runs to their overnight score. After beginning quietly, Compton opened out after lunch and he carried his score to 84 before he was caught and bowled by Ian Johnson. England was then 330 for five.

Godfrey Evans, the England wicketkeeper joined Bailey and obviously gave him whispered instructions from Hutton to hit out for Bailey began an exhibition of high-powered batting which took the Australians by surprise.

When play resumed this morning the scoring rate fell from a run a minute as it was yesterday to a run every two minutes. England, 190 for four wickets overnight, had to battle for runs against an accurate bowling attack by the Australians.

The weather was described as quite cloudy but the ground was said to have dried out splendidly.

The first 100 minutes' play this morning produced only 48 runs of which Compton had made 21 and Bailey 27.

The 200 came up in 190 minutes but it took Compton and Bailey 107 minutes to add the next 50.

Ian Johnson tried to upset the batsmen right from the start by making quick changes in the bowling, and in the pre-lunch play he tried Bennett, Miller, Lindwall and Davidson and himself in an attempt to break the partnership.

Against this attack, Compton and Bailey did not try to force the pace and after 40 minutes' play they had added only 29 to bring the England total to 225.

The morning had its exciting spells however. When Bailey was 24, he lashed out at a well pitched ball from Bennett, hitting it and both Macleod, the wicket-keeper and Burgo in slip dived for the lofted ball. Both missed and the batsmen ran three to bring up the 50 partnership.

After lunch the two batsmen appeared to be opening up when Bailey swept a ball from Davidson to the fence for four.

A few balls later, Compton turned a ball from Bennett to the long-on boundary.

Compton then took another four off Davidson when he drove a loose ball past Lindwall in the covers to the boundary. He followed this up with a shot into the gully for two to bring up his 50.

A quiet spell followed during which both Bailey and Compton were content to run singles.

In Davidson's next over, however, both Compton and Bailey ran three each. Bennett resumed the bowling with the score at 286. And then Compton opened out and hit every ball vigorously. He hit four fours and a two to take his own score to 78 and the England score to 314.

Then, trying to drive the last ball of the over for another boundary, he lost his feet and fell, rolling right outside the crease. Fieldman ran desperately to field the ball in attempt to stump Compton but the batsman regained his crease safely, beaming broadly at his lucky escape.

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Evans, meanwhile, had been running singles on some vigorous shots and had scored 6.

England at this stage had none of his usual inhibitions and was hitting out at almost every ball. He rattled up a succession of twos off 100th shots and made a number of cheeky singles to bolster the England score.

England First Innings
L. Hutton, c Burke, b 76
Lindwall 76
T. Gravely, c and b 111
P. May, c Davidson, b 79
Bennett 79
C. Cowdrey, c Macleod, b Johnson 0
D. Compton, c and b 84
Johnson 84
G. Evans, c McDonald, b Lindwall 10
T. Bailey, b Lindwall 72
J. Wardle, n.o. 5
Extras 4

Total for seven wickets 371

England declared at 371 for seven wickets.—Reuter.

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UN FLAG TORN DOWN IN GAZA

Gaza, Mar. 1. Thousands of Palestine Arab refugees today tore down the United Nations flag from the refugees' organisation's office here, and pelted the buildings with stones.

Order was eventually restored by the Egyptian military commander and Egyptian troops. The refugees were siding as a result of the Israeli attack last night on an Egyptian military post near here. Thirty-seven Egyptian soldiers were killed.

All-day long the white jeeps of the neutral observers toured the battlefield searching for evidence to put before the armistice commission, which has been called to meet tomorrow.

A curfew was established here tonight. —France-Press.

MAY INTERVIEWE London, Mar. 1. The British Government may be required to intervene in Israeli-Egyptian relations as a result of yesterday's clash between Israeli and Egyptian forces at Gaza.

Authorities circles emphasised that this is the most serious incident to occur between the two countries since 11 Israeli bus passengers were killed by Arab marauders at Nahal (Sini) about a year ago.—France-Press.

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Russian Note Answered

Month Ago NOTHING NEW IN LATEST THREAT

London, Mar. 1.

Britain considers that every point made in last night's Soviet note renewing the threat to abrogate the Anglo-Soviet treaty if the Paris agreements were ratified, has already been answered, the Foreign Office said today.

The spokesman said that after studying the note, the Foreign Office considered it was a "curious case — a note to which the answer had been delivered over a month ago."

PRAVDA ATTACKS WEST PRESS

Moscow, Mar. 1.

Pravda, Soviet Communist Party newspaper, today attacked the Western Press for alleging that the Russians had "leaked" information from the London disarmament talks.

This "hypocritical campaign" was begun after the publication of reports that the Soviet delegation to the talks had put forward proposals on the basis of its government's known attitude towards disarmament, it said in an article.

"The Soviet proposals have been made 'secret' by the machinations of the bourgeois propaganda which has tried to confuse its readers."

FACTS HIDDEN

Pravda accused the Western Press of hiding from its readers the Soviet Government declaration of February 18, suggesting a world conference on reducing armaments and the prohibition of atomic weapons.

"The organisers of the bogus fuss in London are giving themselves away when they start threatening to pack up the disarmament talks," it added.—Reuter.

Princess On Pirate Isle

Nassau, Mar. 1.

Princess Margaret flew from Nassau today to Eleuthera, once pirate-haunted isle, now famous for its pineapples and pink sand beaches.

It is the last day of her month-long Caribbean tour. She flies home tomorrow.

She will tour the 100-mile long island where the Eleuthera islanders, one of the earliest groups of English settlers in the New World, landed in 1647.

Princess Margaret was wearing an aquasilk shantung frock, with a white hat like a Dutch bonnet.

Her Helon plane landed on the airstrip near the United States guided missile station. American servicemen were among the crowd of several hundred which greeted her.

Flag-waving children were brought by bus to welcome the Royal visitor.

She then motored about 60 miles to this little town, being welcomed at several settlements on the way.

LUNCH AT CLUB

The Princess lunched with her host and hostess, Earl and Countess of Ranelagh, and members of her suite on the patio of Rook Sound Club.

In the afternoon the Princess visited the settlement at Wemyss Bay before flying back to Nassau where she will see a fireworks display and water carnival after dinner tonight.

Before she leaves Nassau for London tomorrow she will receive a deputation of straw workers and visit the Royal Air Force cemetery where she will plant a bougainvillea.—Reuter.

He pointed out that while it was normal Russian Press practice to print Western and Soviet notes side by side, this had not been done in the present case. The result was that the Moscow reader could not see the British note of January 20 which the spokesman said answered every point made in last night's note.

DIVISION OF EUROPE
The British note deploring the Soviet threat, annulled the 1942 Anglo-Soviet friendship treaty, and stated that the policies of the Soviet Government had led to the "tragic and dangerous division of Europe."

Stating that Russia had been "directly responsible" for the division of Germany, the three Western zones of which had long been united, the British note added that the Soviet zone had regular military, naval and air force and West Germany could therefore no longer be denied the right to its own defence.

The British note also stressed the "purely defensive" nature of both the Paris agreements and the Atlantic pact.—Reuter.

Queen Holds Investiture

London, Mar. 1.

Officers and men from Britain's three fighting services lined up in the white and gold state ballroom of Buckingham Palace, London, today to receive decorations from the Queen for bravery in Malaya and Korea.

They formed a large section of nearly 200 men and women called to the Palace for the Queen's fourth investiture on Tuesday. Two more have still to be held.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, shook hands, spoke to each recipient, and handed out the insignia, for 80 minutes from the day.

Today's recipients were headed by Air Marshal Sir Clifford Sanderson, former Commander-in-Chief of the Far East Air Force who was invested with a K.C.B. (Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire).—Reuter.

Balloon At 26,000 Feet

Moscow, Mar. 1.

The four-man crew of a Soviet free balloon drifted for four hours in their open "basket" at an altitude of 26,000 feet with the temperature at 55 degrees below zero without apparent discomfort, it was disclosed here today.

Suspended from their 2,700 cubic metre capacity balloon, the men were equipped with only fur clothing and oxygen masks.

During its flight under the command of A. Novodvorkin, the balloon drifted 400 kilometres at this height and temperature.—France-Press.



Queen Ingrid of Denmark (second from left) with her three daughters Princesses Anne-Marie, Princess Benedikte and Princess Margrethe set off for a ski-run during winter holidays in Norway.—Express Photo.

Moscow Leader Increasing His Influence

Moscow, Mar. 1.

Mr Nikita Khrushchev's stature as foremost Soviet leader has been further increased by the Government changes announced last night, Western circles said here today.

They considered it highly probable that the four new deputy premiers were nominated by the Communist Party of which Mr Khrushchev is First Secretary.

The changes reflected the growing influence on all branches of the Soviet Government as well as the Party.

This view is supported by the fact that the four new deputy premiers—Mr P. P. Zavenyagin, Mr A. A. Kucherenko, Mr P. T. Lobanov and Mr M. V. Khrushchev—have all been brought in from outside the Government and raised immediately to top positions where each is likely to have control of a vital branch of industry.

TECHNICIANS

The new deputy premiers are all believed to be high calibre technicians but Mr Khrushchev is also a full member of the Communist Party Central Committee and Mr Zavenyagin is a candidate member.

Mr Lobanov is a farm specialist and an old-time supporter of

Mr Khrushchev's virgin lands development policy while Mr Kucherenko by his name may be assumed to be a native of the Ukraine—like Mr Khrushchev.

Apart from possibly strengthening the Party's position in the Government, the four new men—all comparatively unknown hitherto—may also be expected to take charge of specific branches of the Soviet economy.

For example, Mr Zavenyagin may take charge of heavy industry, Mr Lobanov agriculture and Mr Khrushchev defence production—all key spheres of activity under the new regime.

It is so, Mr Lobanov will probably rank above Mr Ivan Benediktov, who remains Agriculture Minister but is not a deputy premier.

It was noted that all former deputy premiers who were also members of the Communist Party "Presidium" of nine have been promoted first deputy premiers—with the sole exception of Mr Georgi Malenkov, who gave up the premiership to Marshal Nikolai Bulganin three weeks ago.

ORDINARY DEPUTY

Mr Malenkov remains an ordinary deputy premier.

This would further emphasize his demotion, particularly when former subordinates such as Mr Anastas Mikoyan, Mr Mikhail Pervukhin and Mr Maxim Saburov have been promoted over his head.—Reuter.

No Serious Drinking In Future

New Delhi, Mar. 1.

India today began to take alcohol prohibition seriously, as the Enquiry Commission into Alcohol Consumption will make public its reports on curtailing drinking.

Official Indian sources stated that all states would be ready to propose reforms by October 2, the anniversary of the birth of the late Mahatma Gandhi.

An article in the Indian Constitution requires that prohibition should eventually be obtained throughout the country, but that legislation to achieve it must be voted state by state. So far two large states have voted for the prohibition—Madras and Bombay.

Those same sources said that prohibition in Madras and Bombay had so far allowed the population to save some \$75,000,000.

The vast majority of the Indian population was in favour of prohibition, they said, adding that the only opposition came from the large towns.—France-Press.

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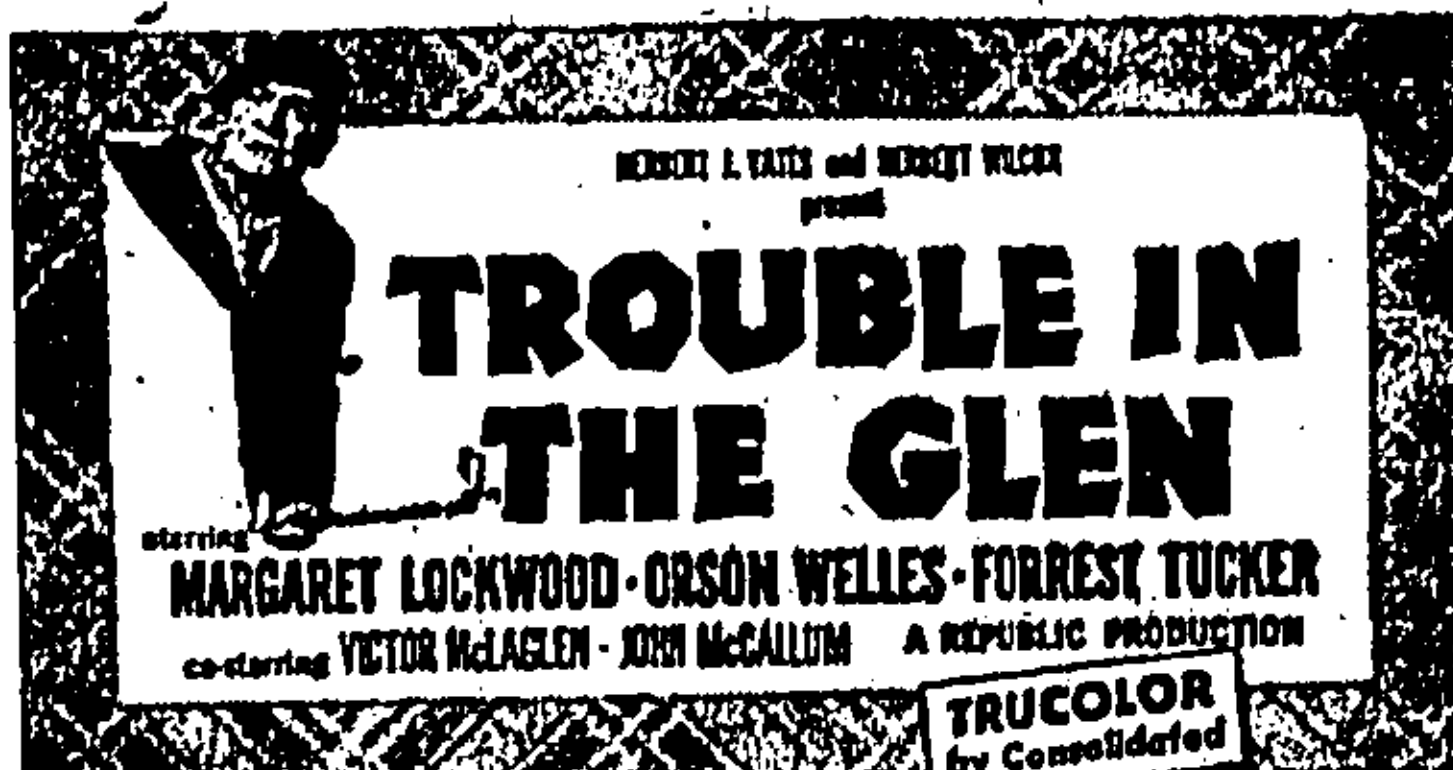
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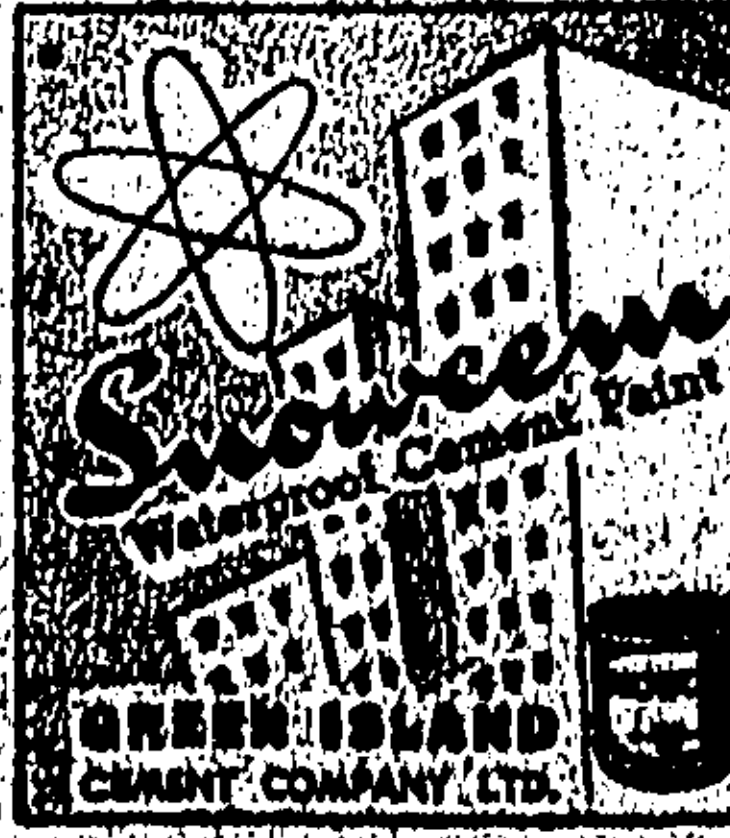
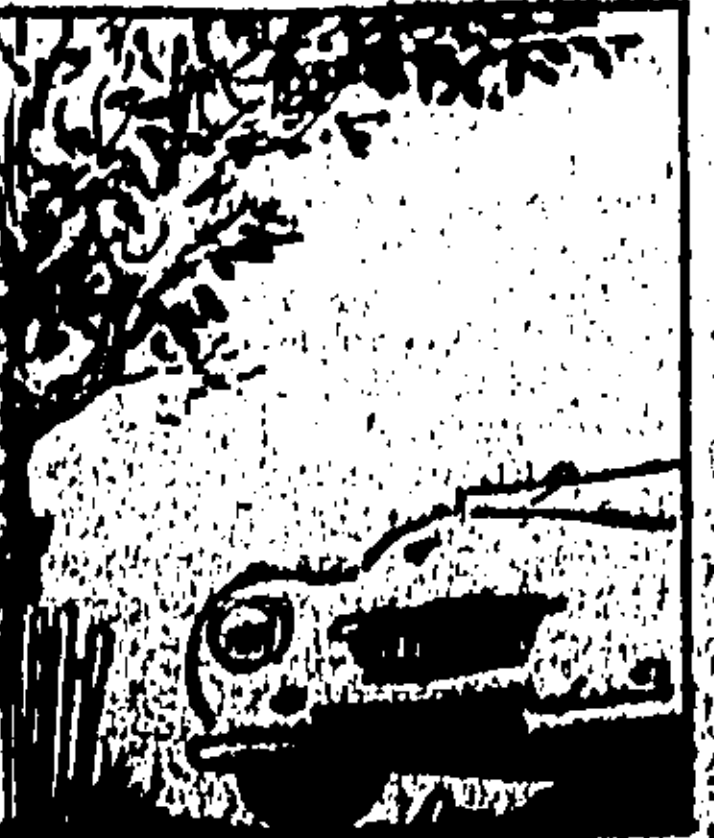
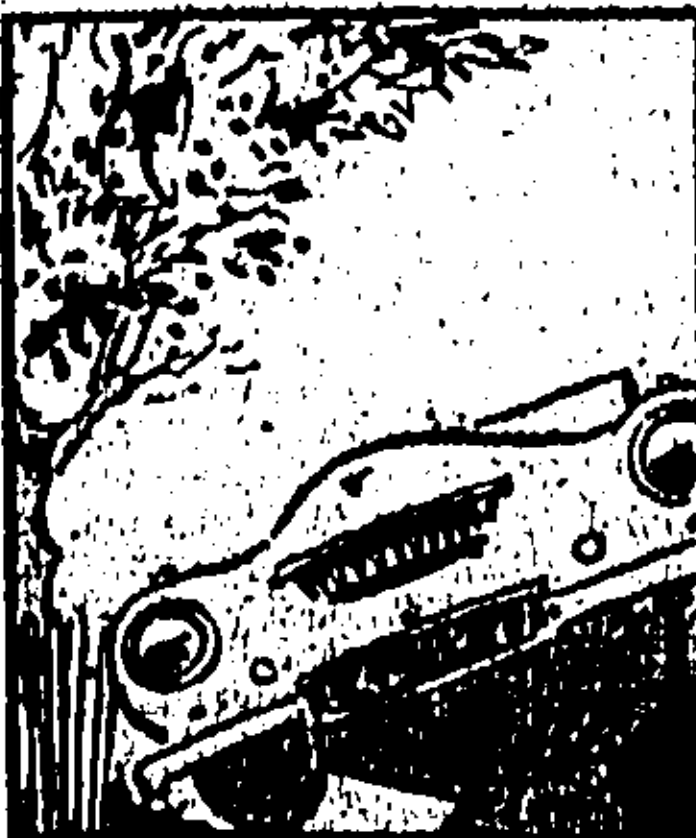
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NEXT CHANGE: "DRUM BEAT"

POP



Nathaniel Gubbins

NOT until I read *The Housewife's Diary* for 1955, given to my life partner, The Plucky Little Woman, did I understand what is expected of all plucky little women by the compiler of this brutal book.

The moment the Christmas decorations are down she is instructed to collect old sheets and blankets, old magazines, old clothes, old Christmas cards, and odd bits of linting wool, and send them to various institutions (addresses given).

When she has wrapped the parcels and posted them (she'll have fun with the old sheets and blankets) she can learn how to remove stains, how to deal with burns, cuts, foreign bodies in the eye, pins and beads in the nose and ear, and what to do about chicken pox, measles, mumps, and whooping cough.

After that she must make notes about the times of trains and buses, doctor's surgery hours, church services, the voltage of the house, and the positions of fuse boxes and stop cocks.

The next day she is reminded that it is not too soon to make the children's clothes ready for school. She must strengthen durns and weak places behind wrenched buttons, with tape, write names in marking ink on shoes and mackintoshes, check socks, and dubbin football boots.

By January 10, just when she might be taking a breather, she is warned about burst pipes. If this happens she must turn off water at the main, turn on all cold taps, put bowls under leaks, make out boiler, stop cracks with rags dipped in paint, and listen for fizzing noises in case the electric wiring is affected. When she can do no more she must ring the plumber, who will probably be out.

On January 24 she is expected to make marmalade, and on February 7 she will be drying wet shoes stuffed with newspaper and removing rust spots from suede with fine sandpaper. At the end of the month she will be getting ready for spring cleaning, replacing lattered cushions, and washing eiderdowns.

After making a horrible fish pie for Lent she will be coping with chapped hands, washing blankets, shaking moths out of furs, baking hot cross buns for Easter, and packing eggs to be sent through the post at a time when most people are full of eggs. By April 18 she is

shampooing carrots and rubbing the "mildewy" backs with disinfectant.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THERE IS NO PEACE FOR HER.

In May she is warned about led loilies and told a watch out for furniture beetles, though how she can be looking for beetles while snatching loilies from the children and removing peas and beads from their ears and noses is not explained.

In June there are "silver fish" in the larder. In July she is pickling walnuts. In August she is making blackberry jelly and "blotting" her poor hot face with cause.

Cologne broken sardines have to be mended and vegetables pickled in September.

By October she is cleaning out the cooker, knitting winter woollies, and scrubbing umbrellas. In November she is insulating the loft, making briquettes out of cast dust, and finds dry rot under the floor boards.

We can pass over her miserable Christmas spent making butterflies out of tinfoil and sequins and little bells out of milk bottle tops and merely record that the wretched woman gets a break on Boxing Day when she has a bath, pins up her "straggling" ends of hair, and has seven for "five minutes" with her feet propped up.

Just five short minutes and she's off again collecting old clothes, old magazines, old sheets, and old blankets.

Disgruntled Host

THE first thing I saw in the papers was that Sir Anthony Eden doesn't enjoy the Foreign Office cocktail parties that cost £20,000,000 a year.

Normally I have nothing against Eden. Ever since he stood up to that bumptious, arrogant windbag, that shameless, unblinking blowhard, that overbearing, insolent jack-pudding Mussolini I have been one of his staunch admirers.

But because of my complaint I found myself in a black rage about this.

Why doesn't he enjoy my cocktail parties? Don't I pay enough for them in taxes? If he doesn't like them why not give me my money back? Then, perhaps, I could afford a cocktail party of my own. And enjoy it when I get better.

As one of his unwilling hosts I suppose it is permissible to ask why they are given at all? Does he imagine they create

goodwill, because if he does he might remember that all the cocktail parties, dinners, and receptions given at my expense before 1939 didn't stop the Germans slinging bombs at us. And an ocean of alcohol wouldn't stop any of the guzzling, befuddled, crapulous, top-heavy foreign toss-pots from doing the same if they felt like it.

Damme, sir, why not tell them all to go to the devil? Are we to cringe to these foreign smelly fossils with cocktails and little bits of rubbish on toast? Are we men, sir, or are we a lot of fawning, slavish, grovelling, milvelling, mealy-mouthed, lick-a-penny muckworms?

And keep that blasted, lousy away from my foot.

Modern Swan

ONE of the brilliant team of animal reporters employed by *The Animals (and Birds)* Newspaper, edited by N. Gubbins, Esq., was sent to interview Susie, the problem girl swan who has died her angry father by refusing to migrate from a lake at Hayling Island.

"They may call me a problem girl," she said, "but it's father who is the problem."

"Would you call your father a Victorian?"

"I'd say he was positively medieval. That's why I've refused to go to the new family home. I mean a modern girl must have her freedom."

"Does your father insist that you are in bed early?"

"Early? Don't make me laugh. I have to be in bed by dusk, which is early enough in the winter when a girl wants to go to parties and everything. With boy friends, I mean."

"Can't you ask your boy friends home?"

"Ask them home with father hissing at them all the evening? It gets on your nerves. Why should you?"

"One lovely boy friend who called for me was bitten so badly by father that he couldn't sit down for a week."

"Don't you think your father was waiting for the right swan to come along?"

"He can wait as long as he likes, but I'm not. I mean a girl has to look out for herself and take her chance when it comes. I mean it's only fair to yourself."

"Aren't you afraid to live alone in a desolate spot at the mercy of any adventurer?"

"Afraid? Not me. I'm modern, I am. And as for adventurers, I like the adventurous type. The more the merrier, that's what I say. If you know what I mean."

THE ARAB WORLD IN FERMENT

The spit of land where Noah launched his Ark and the Queen of Sheba bathed — as Arab tradition has it — is a new pressure point for Arab nationalism and a worry to Western defence strategists

By HAROLD GUARD

(PHOTOS BY CHARLES DAWSON)

Aden.

"SONS of Allah:

throw out the

British!" I

heard this cry in

Moslem cities from here to

Baghdad. It comes from a

new generation of national-

ists as well as old-

fashioned trouble-makers.

And it is causing increased

concern among Western de-

fence planners, who within

the past year have seen

British forces begin their

exodus from the vast net-

work of ground, air and

naval bases of the Suez

Canal Zone.

The cry can be heard in

this little 75-square mile

spit of land called Aden, the

crossroads of sea traffic be-

tween East and West since

ancient times.

For more than a century

since the British took this tiny

peninsula and made it a Crown

Colony, Aden has been a for-

trepost at the gateway to the

Red Sea. Today, nationalism in

the Arab states threatens to

engulf both the Colony and the

adjacent 115,000 square miles

of the Aden Protectorate, which

borders the forbidden kingdom

of the Yemen and oil-rich

Saudi Arabia.

About sixty per cent of

Aden's population is Yemenite.

Ahmed, who has reigned as

King of the Yemen since his

father's assassination in 1948,

has long claimed the Aden

Protectorate as part of his

domain. Since the British with-

drawal from Suez, he has be-

come more militant in his

claims, and there has been

bloody fighting along the

Yemen border.

His Fear

The British administrators here say that King Ahmed is working against time. His recent aggressive actions are due, they argue, to his fear that as the Protectorate prospers under British supervision, his own claims to sovereignty over the area will find less and less response among the Yemenite inhabitants.

They cite the great expansion of irrigation and agricultural schemes which are bringing back crops to the vast desert wilderness, the newly-completed oil-refinery, and plans for making Aden itself an even greater centre of world shipping.

It was here, according to Arab legend, that Noah built his Ark before the Deluge. The site identified by this tradition is being demolished to make room for deep sea shipping berths. In terms of tonnage capacity, the port of Aden already ranks fourth among the world's largest.

The exact spot where Noah supposedly trooped his animals aboard, two by two, is Maalla, a village on the foreshore of the Aden peninsula. For five thousand years, the Arabs say, this site has been used for constructing ocean-going dhows. And they claim as descendants of Noah that Maalla belongs to them.

The owner of the site today is a wealthy Arab named Ali Ibrahim Noor. He employs craftsmen who still howl and hammer together their boats in the manner of the Ark with timbers brought from East Africa and seasoned for years in Aden's briny seawater. These craft, which Sindbad the Sailor made famous, still ply the equatorial waters from Asmara to Basrah.

Sweet Water

It is little wonder that the Arab shipwrights who spurn modern tools for primitive methods bemoan the passing of Maalla as a sacred place to progress as represented by the giant steel ships which put in at Aden from the Seven Seas. The Aden Port Trust Authority has hastened to reassure the Arabs of Maalla that a site for their show building will be available to them on Slavof Island, across the channel from their faded waterfront.



THE Middle East is in ferment. The past two years have seen political changes of greater consequence than any since World War I. The cause is resurgent Arab nationalism; the effect has been an overhauling of military plans for that area by the Western defence community.

To report this vital and exotic area in words and pictures, two veteran correspondents went to the heart of the Middle East and Moslem world—the least known part of Arabia.

Harold Guard, (seen above helping an Arab fisherman to a light) who describes these remote communities and their present-day problems, has for 25 years reported headline events from the Near and Far East. He was chief of the United Press bureau in Hongkong before the war. Charles Dawson, who takes his camera to regions never before photographed, has won international prizes for his newspaper pictures.

Their journey begins in Aden, where the Red Sea meets the Indian Ocean. It takes them to the Yemen border, to Muscat, Oman and the Trucial States, to the uncharted "Empty Quarter" of the Great Arabian desert, and back through Suez, Egypt, Sudan, Cyprus and Malta.

This is the first of ten illustrated articles by this reporting team, which will appear daily in the China Mail.

Not all historical relics need suffer from the advent of progress. While Aden's officials point with pride to the development of modern facilities for water and power supplies, they still make good use of a series of ancient rock-hewn reservoirs for sweet water.

The reservoirs can hold an estimated 20 million gallons, and no one knows just when they were first carved into the slopes of the volcanic mountain which forms the Aden peninsula.

Until they were re-discovered accidentally exactly 100 years ago by an English lieutenant named Lambert Playfair, every pint of sweet water had to be carried in to Aden by camel. Playfair unearthed them from under rubbish and debris which filled them for centuries. Cleaned out, they became the Colony's reserve water storage.

The Arabs have another legend—that one of the tanks was the Queen of Sheba's bath. But there is another account. One of the Aden reservoirs which appears to be more authentic—that they were carved into the rock in the year 545 A.D. during the Persian occupation of the Arabian coast.

The Aden authorities also have brought water to the parched deserts of the Hadramaut and the Abyan district of the Aden Protectorate. Since most projects to make the desert "blossom as a rose" rarely get beyond the drawing-board stage, I went to have a look for myself in the first weeks some 45 miles northwest of Aden—and was amazed to find a flourishing cotton plantation.

With the co-operation of the local ruling Sultan of Fadhli, the Colonial Welfare and Development Corporation financed an irrigation project, and this year the cotton plantation at Abyan exported 23,500 bales of long staple cotton to Lancashire mills.

With cotton production has come the construction of a cotton mill where fibres are cleaned and baled for export, and tons of valuable cotton seed are packed.

Abyan's cotton industry is being run entirely by Arabs, who told me that next year's exports would total 40,000 bales and that an oil extraction plant for the cotton seed would be built.

Desert schools have followed in the wake of local industry. Abyan village now has a school for some 150 boys, and the Sultan has appointed a director of education to supervise an ambitious programme which includes a second co-educational school for children from all parts of the Protectorate.

Progressive

This development scheme is being shared by two of the Protectorate's local rulers, the Sultans of Fadhli and Lower Yafal. Both are progressive in their outlook, and do not share the interpretation given to the Koran by some of the district chiefs which leaves all incentive with Allah.

The Colonial Office, as a step toward increasing local participation in government, has proposed to rulers of the various sultanates and sheikhdoms in the Protectorate that limited federations be established to give them more to say in the affairs of the territory as a whole, and to improve co-operation in social services and development projects. The British made it clear that the subjects to be treated under such a federal system would be limited to education, public health, communications, customs, and posts and telegraphic services.

King Ahmed of the Yemen, however, has opposed the plan. He claims that the treaty Britain signed with his father in 1934 guarantees that no political changes will be made within the Protectorate during the life of the 40-year treaty. Some of the ruling sheikhs also claim that the British proposals would put a limit on their sovereignty as they conceive it. Hence the proposed conference on federation has been postponed and the whole question is under review at Whitehall.

Meanwhile, the desert forces of King Ahmed are continuing their sporadic attacks on Protectorate territory at points along the Yemen border, which is anything but clearly defined.

Crack Troops

To carry out its responsibility for maintaining law and order in the Protectorate, Britain recruits local defence forces known as the Aden Protectorate Levies.

These troops, although land forces, are under the command of the Royal Air Force, which co-ordinates their activities from strategic airfields along the south Arabian coast. The Levies are scattered thinly at key points throughout the vast area, and their units are officially labelled "Squadrons" and "Flights."

One of them is a crack camel corps—and there are Westerners who will maintain that riding a fleet camel approximates flying.

Aden's Levies are now being bolstered by Hadramaut Bedouin Levies, fierce tribesmen from the more remote districts of the Aden Protectorate, and by Oman Levies recruited from the Trucial Sheikdoms to the east, which also are under British protection.

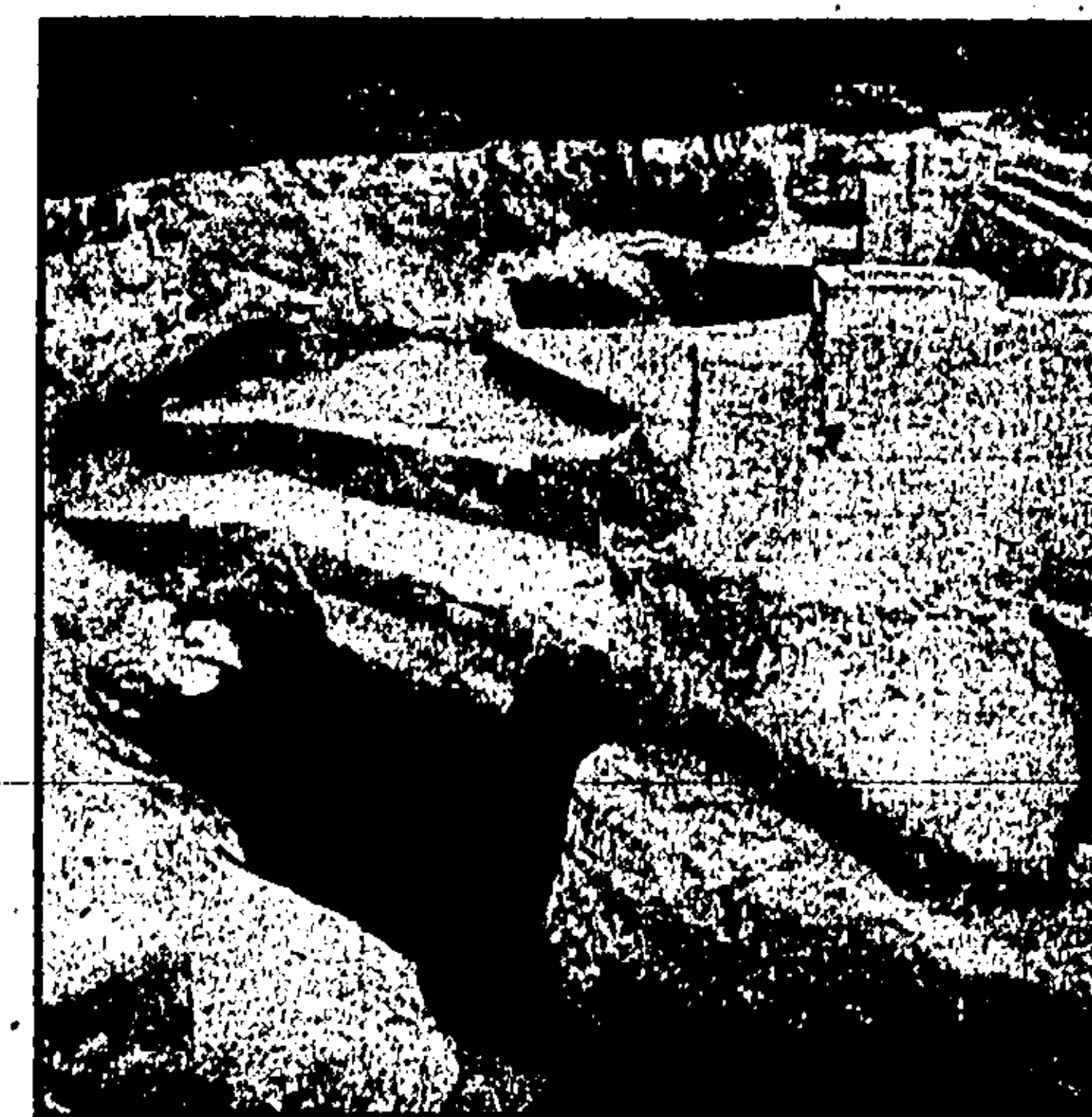
In these crack desert troops and their air support, Britain pins her hopes for maintaining and developing this expanding Middle East bastion and promoting it from the approaching arms of King Abdul Aziz.



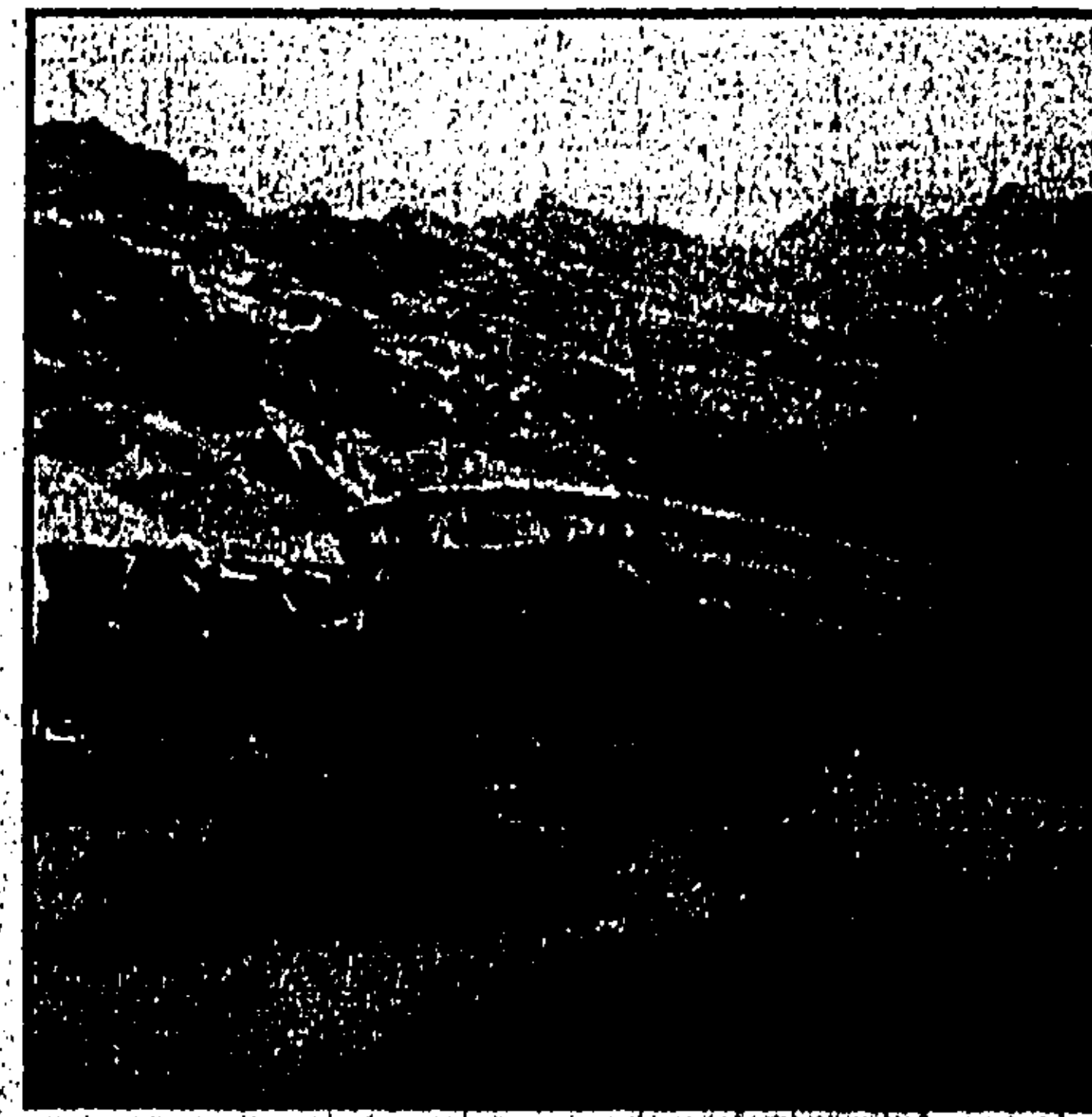
A sergeant of the Aden Protectorate Levies and his camel "at ease."



The Minister of Education talks to a classroom of boys at Abyan, near Aden.

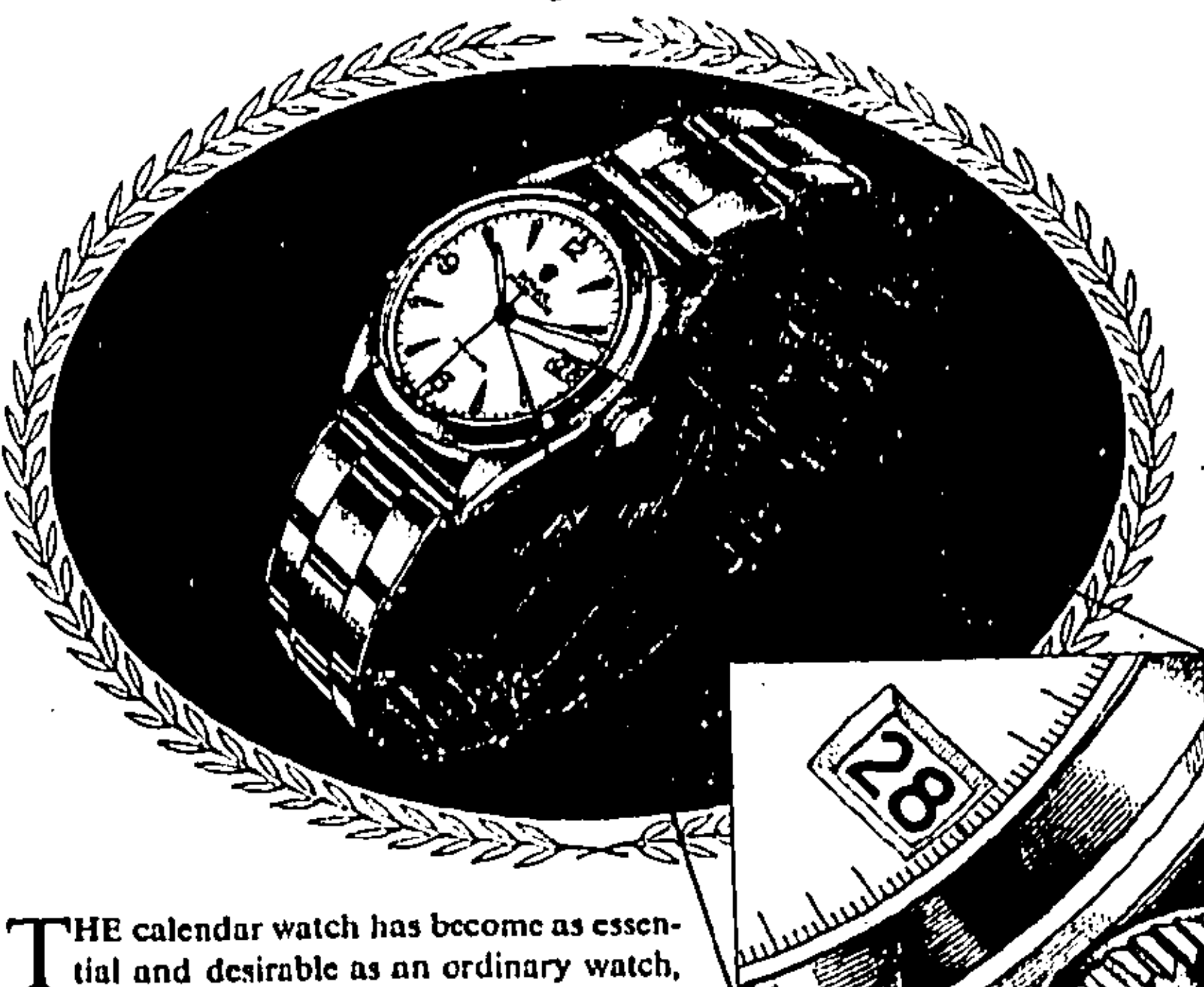


Part of the ancient rock-hewn water tank system at Aden.



The hulls of new Arab ships await finishing touches.

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NOW EVEN THE CYCLIST IS INVOLVED IN THIS BUSINESS OF PROGNOSTICATION

By "NTACA"

From time immemorial man has had recourse to various methods of obtaining advance information on which to base his future actions. Astrologers, palmists, crystal gazers, readers of the cards and sand, necromancers, oracles, witches and soothsayers of innumerable types and varying degrees of accuracy have been used to provide pictures of the future, or to enumerate "lucky" days on which success would be certain to attend a venture.

Even in these allegedly enlightened days the contradictory generalities of well-known seers are followed by those who should perhaps know a little better. And now, even the cyclist is involved in the business of prognostication.

A new "science" purports to tell, from a mere examination of the birthdate, exactly how and when each rider can be sure that his physical, mental and emotional states will be at their respective "peaks," thus enabling him to save his energies for the day when a supreme effort will be almost certain, crowned with success, according to this "scientific" calculation.

Of course, all this may be just so, and I must agree that the "advancement" does provide a remarkable insight, quoting from cases where the tables for a certain rider would have shown favourable indications at the exact times when some outstanding performances were put up. But I never place a large amount of faith in hindsight.

Even, under known, that at times he feels "on top of the world," days when he can do almost as he pleases. He also knows there are days when he "just can't seem to get going." Any cyclist who enters to keep a record of his good and bad days will soon discover a definite rhythm, a periodicity of "peak" and "valley," that is fairly consistent.

Persons have differing rates of recovery after effort and it is wise for the rider to ascertain, for his own recuperation rate. Many a promising young rider has faded out of the headlines after a couple of seasons, merely because he has "faded himself out," not given his body time to recuperate after a hard ride.

COMES IN USEFUL

The careful observation of this rise and fall in fitness rates also comes in useful when training towards a special end. For some specific event.

The riders in the big "Tour" and similar events prefer to start the race before their peak of condition, riding themselves in for the middle and end sections, the vital times. They know that any attempt to be at peak fitness for the whole of the long race would result in exhaustion at the very time that they cannot afford it.

Cyclists everywhere study their gears and machines in great detail. It is even more important that they study themselves.

YET AGAIN

This column seems to be degenerating into a serialised piece of gossip or a "hot" item, but has lately exploited certain merits. On Wednesday last he turned his attention to the track, taking part in the five Miles Scratch Race which formed part of the REME Sports programme.

NEW TERRITORIES

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DON'T WASTE WATER

He gave an amazing display in winning by a minute from Hurford and Bouché. His riding was a mixture of Novice and Champion. Novice-like were his running wide and slowing down at every bend, in his typical cautious fashion.

In the style of a Champion, by making all the running, burning off the rest and lapping the entire field on the nineteenth of the twenty laps.

He simply put his head down and rode as fast as he could for as long as he could, which was too fast and too long for the others.

He is at present without doubt the best rider in the Colony, making up in sheer strength, speed and fitness what he lacks in experience and cycling skill.

When he turns to sprint and to ride tricky roads and descents, he will be a challenge to the best anywhere. It is to be hoped he will be wise enough to take advice and profit from the experience of those who have been longer in the game than himself.

It is a strange thing among cyclists that they will willingly give assistance to their rivals. A good rider, one which helps to make the cycling game the real "King of Sports".

COMPLETE RESHUFFLE
Every year, typhoons and other attacks beyond the power of man to alter have made a hush of this season's original programme, and a complete reshuffling has been necessitated, with the result that events now reach well into April.

The first HKCA Championship event, the 50 Miles Time Trial, promoted by the Kai Tak Exiles.

Spring Double Callover

London, Mar. 1.
The "Spring Double" call-over business centred chiefly on the favourites, Minstrel (Lincolnshire) and Tudor Line (Grand National) at tonight's Victoria Club session here.

Minstrel, Lord Rosebery's Lincolnshire Handicap winner of last year, was easily the best backed horse. Supported to win £20,000 sterling, he was a firm favourite but closed at his previous odds of 100 to 8.

Brisk business was done on the Lincolnshire. Others supported to win several thousand pounds were Alibi Caprice, the Blessing, Prince Charming and Garuda.

The success of Copp in the three-mile, five furlong Leonardstown Chase in Ireland today was reflected in the Grand National betting. After being backed to win £7,000, the odds against Copp were clipped from 22 to 100 to 7. But Tudor Line, with support to win £10,000, was in most demand.

CLOSING OFFERS
Closing offers were:
Lincolnshire Handicap (One Mile, March 23)
100 to 8 Minstrel,
100 to 7 Kobsu,
100 to 8 Military Court, Alibi Caprice and the Blessing,
22 to 1 Prince Charming,
18 to 1 Garuda,
25 to 1 Sweep,
28 to 1 Desert Way, Chivalry and Olympiad,
33 to 1 Lookout II, Tip the Bottle, and Live Spirit,
40 to 1 Harry Lime, Coronation Year, Bravely Scot, Netherwood and Bush Hill.

Grand National (4 Miles, 850 Yards, March 26)
100 to 8 Tudor Line and Quire Times,
100 to 7 Copp,
100 to 6 Mes Tu Vu and Goodwood,
18 to 1 Mariner's Log and Irish Lizard,
20 to 1 Gogolo and Early Mist,
25 to 1 Churchtown and Sundew,
33 to 1 No Response,
33 to 1 Royal Tan, Mr. Linnett, Carey's Cottage and Mount Tremplant.

40 to 1 Mister Chippendale,
50 to 1 Another Rake,
The next call-over on both races will be on Monday, March 7.—China Mail Special.

has now been fixed for Sunday next, starting at 2 p.m., while the NTACA Massed Start Championship Race will take place on the following Wednesday.

This will be of 65 miles, over four laps of the Northern Circuit, and will be good preparation for the much-shifted Sai Wan "100" on Sunday, March 13.

Quite a busy week for the Army boys. All riders are asked to study carefully the revised programmes for March which have been sent out and should by now have been received.

WILL BE MISSED

Colony cycling as a whole, and the REME team in particular, will suffer a severe loss when "tubby" Spike" Milligan leaves for his native health and the long-awaited "demob" on the Empire Trooper next Saturday.

While not one of the Colony's outstanding individual riders, Spike was a staunch and reliable team man, always giving of his best and an example of unselfish riding.

An exceptional climber of hills, and a very hard man to "drop" in a Massed Start race he will be sorely missed by all for he was popular with members of every club.

We wish him the very best of luck in civilian life, and can assure him that he will be one of the most welcome faces at the proposed future "Demob" some time in the future.

ANY COMMENTS?

It appears that the cyclist is not an artistic animal. My request for a design for an Association badge has had but two replies, one of which is a most elaborate affair which incorporates insignia to show all the member clubs.

The other has a design which I am sure will find favour with most members. In a wreath of laurels appear the Crossed Swords of the Army, the Anchor of the Navy, the Wings of the RAF and a Dragon to represent the Chinese members. The Timekeeper, Sgt. Clever, it seems to fit the bill quite nicely. Any comments?

Question of the week. Why do YOU race?

Six Cities Want 1960 Games

Lausanne, Mar. 1.
Only six cities had submitted requests to stage the 1960 Olympic Games when the official time limit for applications expired today.

They were Lausanne, Rome, Budapest, Brussels, Detroit and Tokyo.

For the 1960 Winter Olympic applications were received at the International Olympic committee's headquarters here from St. Moritz (Switzerland), Garmisch-Partenkirchen (Germany) and Innsbruck (Austria).

The IOC will make its choice at a meeting in Paris next June. Otto Mayer, Chancellor of the IOC, said applications were sometimes received late and any more arriving in the near future could be considered.—Reuter.

Tuli Challenges Dai Dower

London, Mar. 1.
A challenge of £1,000 was made today to the British and Empire Flyweight Boxing Champion, Dai Dower of Wales, for a return Empire title contest with Jake Tuli of South Africa. Dower, who won the Empire title from Tuli, was at the ring-side last night when the South African knocked out Emilie Dolplaque of Belgium in two rounds at Cardiff.—Reuter.

SWEDEN WINS

Stockholm-Trent, Mar. 1.
Sweden beat England by seven matches to two in the two-day European Zone Third Round match in the Thomas Cup Swimming Championships, which ended here tonight.—Reuter.

JOHN SAVIDGE QUITS ATHLETICS



Here is John Savidge, 30-year-old holder of the British Shot Put record at 55ft. 4ins, who has retired from athletics. He has "signed on" as master-at-arms on one of the Australia-England Orient liners. He won the Amateur Athletic Association Shot Put title in 1952-53-54; won the Empire Games title in Vancouver, Canada, last year and was sixth in the European Championships.—Express Photo.

Dao Shows His Fighting Qualities In Semi-Final Against Ip Koon-Hung

The defending Champion, Ip Koon-hung, played great tennis to eliminate K. C. Dao, this year's Harcourt Champion, in a Colony Grasscourt Championship semi-final yesterday. To Ip, it was more than just a match. With his victory over Dao he had the satisfaction of avenging his defeat by the same player in the Harcourt Championships recently concluded. He won 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 after 1 hour and 40 minutes of play.

The Ip-Dao encounter was a match that gave the 100-odd paying crowd its money's worth. Dao, a stamina-puckered player, gave Ip Koon-hung a good run around, often troubling and sometimes bewildering him with his immaculate returns on both fore and backhand. And though not really in the same class as the Champion in grasscourt tennis, Dao showed what a fighter he is.

The defending Champion, though hard pressed throughout by his opponent, showed the master of the situation, particularly in the third set when he often left Dao standing with his beautiful net-skimming shots and high lobs to the baseline.

A feature of the match were Ip's "big" service, down the middle, his deep devastating drives down either corner of the court, his powerful and yet controlled and delicate half-volleys.

Dao delighted the crowd with his remarkable retrieving. He had the gallery roaring with laughter with his "about face" returns when caught on the wrong foot.

A highlight was a rally for set point in the second set in which Ip, on the forehand court, kept Dao on the run with cross drives alternated with down-the-line lobs to win the point after seven exchanges when Dao was out with a desperate drive. This gave Ip a two set lead.

The clock pointed to 4.30 when Ip, who won the loss, served. Ip took the first game without much effort but in the next Dao rallied strongly, matching the Champion stroke for stroke, to even the score.

Without let-up in his attack, Ip took the next three games in a row with crisp chops and powerful cross court drives that had Dao running all over.

WARMED UP

The Harcourt Champion, warmed up to the fray at this stage, returned compliments by forcing Ip into errors at the net. It was 3-3 in favour of Ip when Dao lost his touch and the first set at 6-3.

The second set was a thriller throughout. There were several long rallies interspersed with sharp volleys by both players. Ip took the first two games but in the third, an over-balanced shot by the Champion at 40-30 saw Dao forcing a deuce and then taking the score to 1-2.

Ip went ahead again in the fourth game and just when it appeared that he would win the game, he closed, Dao staged a remarkable rally to reel off the next three games for his first lead in the match.

As it turned out Dao's 4-3 lead was only temporary. The Champion, with his previous one set lead threatened, quickly took the eighth game without any preamble, lost the ninth and in the 10th, at 30-40, forced a deuce to take set for a two-set lead.

The fighting qualities of K. C. Dao really showed up in the third and last set. Trailing 6-2 after only five minutes' play, Dao practically swept Ip off the court with his fore and backhand drives to make it two games to one.

A change of racket seemed to bring the first two games to five. In five strokes Ip levelled the score and won the seventh game before Dao stopped him with a sustained rally to level the score at 4-4.

The beginning of the end was in sight at this stage. Ip, requiring only two more games, went all out and it was no surprise to the crowd when he won set and match, the last game to love.

Ip Koon-hung will meet the winner of the Tsai Yun-pui and Edwin Tsai semi-final encounter which is scheduled for today.

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

Singles Semi-Final: Ip Koon-hung beat K. C. Dao 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Moore Starts Fistic Drive

New York, Mar. 1.
Light-heavyweight Champion Archie Moore shifted today from a verbal campaign to a fistic drive for a shot at the heavyweight crown.

Manager Charlie Johnston announced four non-title fights against heavyweights for veteran Archie during March and April.

Johnston said, "We believe Moore will get the May shot at Marciano, in San Francisco although Don Cockell of England has been signed for that title fight. Announcement of the Marciano-Cockell fight was slightly regarded. Cockell may still lose out."

Moore has not fought since August 11, when he kept his 175-pound crown on a 14th-round knockout over Harold Johnson. In the interim he has been campaigning in the press for a shot at Marciano.—United Press.

HOSPITALS' CUP

London, Mar. 1.
St. Mary's Hospital beat Mildred Hospital by 11 points to five in their Hospitals' Cup, second round match at Richmond here today. St. Mary's now meet Guy's Hospital in the Semi-Final next Tuesday, March 8.—Reuter.

RAF Meet Police Today In The Pentangular

By "PAK LO"

This afternoon the final match this season in the Pentangular Tournament will take place on the Police Recreation ground at Boundary Street when the RAF, at the moment the Pentangular runners-up, meet the Police at 4.30 p.m.

The Police will once again have the services of Moss, but only after he will already have taken part in a soccer game. Therefore, to offset his expected tiredness, they are playing him in the full back position to begin with.

Should he find he is able to stand the pace he will be switched to centre alongside Marsh and Scott will move into the fly half, berth with Brown dropping back to full back.

In either case the Police three will be almost at their maximum strength and should once they get going, take a lot of stopping. The Police pack, while almost as strong as usual, is today without the services of Mayner as hooker, and Duncanson will take his place.

This should not greatly affect the result of the set scrums as Sleeman was expected to out-hook Mayner in any case.

In the lineouts both Perry and Shelley will have their work cut out as they try to overcome Lamb and Griffiths, and in this connection the RAF should get the lion's share of the ball.

In the RAF pack the only change is Davies at wing for Ward in place of Woolf, but behind the scrum there has been quite a bit of rearrangement. Moore goes from centre to the wing, and McGarrity moves back to his more normal position of fly half.

Both these switches are made so that Davies and Fraser may come into the three line, thus giving the Airmen a greater attacking power.

SHOULD FIT BETTER

While the Airmen may not be as fast individually as their opposing three, such as Moss and Marsh, they should fit together better, and pass more smartly than do the Police at present, and seeing plenty of the ball should win this game for the RAF.

It will, however, be remembered that the last time these two teams met the Airmen, though they eventually won, had a terrific struggle to do so and the addition of Moss to the attack of the Police might make the difference.

The RAF are, if anything, fitter than the Police and should win the pace battle and will probably do most of their scoring in the last ten or fifteen minutes.

All in all a good hard and fast game promised to write "fins" to the Pentangular.

HOW THEY STAND

Before these teams go into the arena here is how they stand:

stand.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Army	8	8	0	0	121	34	1
RAF	7	3	1	3	50	29	
Navy	8	3	1	4	43	50	
Club	8	3	0	5	38	70	
Police	7	1	0	6	20	88	

THE TEAMS

Police: Moss, Nash, Marsh, Scott, Stevens, Brown, Lalliot, Harris, Duncanson, Long, Perry, Shelley, Dawson, Carpenter, Bryan.

RAF: Logan, Gammon, Dark, Fraser, Moore, McGarrity, Tui-

World Ice Hockey Championship

Bonn, Mar. 1.
Canada headed the world ice hockey championships with a goal edge over the Soviet Union without either team playing to night.

The fifth round was fought out by teams well down the list and the results had no chance of upsetting the leading teams.

Czechoslovakia defeated Sweden by 8 goals to 5 at Cologne, Germany beat Finland by 7 goals to 1 at Karlsruhe and Switzerland beat Poland by 4 goals to 2 at Cologne.—France Press.

FINALISTS FOR JUNIOR FOIL TITLE

A feature of the Junior Foil Championship held at the European YMCA last night was the fine form shown by several fencers who have only been fencing three or four months. Of the six finalists three were competing in their first fencing competition against much more experienced opponents. Outstanding was K. W. Yeung of the Hongkong Police who improved with every fight and ended by heading his semi-final pool. P. Marcal of the Hongkong Sword Club and R. Peach of the Army also did well in their first competition.

The standard of fencing was not as high as expected and many fencers spoiled their chances by continually using the stop-hits instead of parry and riposte. Reuben Lynn and Lam Si Lap two of the most promising Chinese fencers in the Colony threw away several fights in this way. As a result Lynn did not qualify for the final and Lam Si Lap only did so on a count of hits.

Hung Hak To was fencing extremely well and is a favourite to win the title, but the six finalists are all evenly matched and the placing in the finals is difficult to predict.

The Hongkong Amateur Fencing Association were assisted in judging of the contest by several members of the Army Physical Training Corps, and the standard of judging was much higher than usual. Under Major George Brower, S. S. I. Phillips and P. G. Williams, three capable presidents, the organization of the preliminary rounds went very smoothly. Details are as follows:

RESULTS

Pool 1. Chan Sien—3 wins; Sgt. Forbes—4 wins; R. Knight—3 wins; G. Marcal—2 wins; Mr. Ryan—1 win; Peterson—0 wins.

Pool 2. Chung Sun Sang—3 wins; K. W. Yeung—2 wins; R. Peach—2 wins; Wong Lay—2 wins; D. Wake-man—2 wins; Woods—0 wins.

Pool 3. Reuben Lynn—0 wins; P. Marcal—4 wins; Louis Shen—3 wins; S. W. Yeung—2 wins; F. K. Lau—1 win; Barrege—1 win; Shen beat Burgess.

Pool 4. Ian Si Lap—5 wins; Sgt. Wainwright—3 wins; Carter—1 win; Schmitt—0 wins.

Pool 5. Lam Si Lap—5 wins; D. Taylor—3 wins; D. Carrott—3 wins; Hung Hak To—3 wins; Barrege—2 wins; St. Hill—0 wins.

Pool 6. Chan Sien—5 wins; K. W. Yeung—3 wins; R. Peach—3 wins; Chung Sun Sang—2 wins; R. Knight—2 wins; Sgt. Forbes—0 wins.

Semi-Finals
Pool 7. 1st K. W. Yeung (HK Police)—4 wins; 2nd Lam Si Lap (C.F.C.)—3 wins; 3rd R. Peach (Army)—3 wins; 4th W. Yeung (HK Police)—3 wins; 5th W. Yeung (HK Police)—3 wins; 6th D. Taylor (Navy)—0 wins.

Promotion was determined on hits against for the Barrege was indeed against.

Pool 8. 1st Hung Hak To (C.F.C.)—4 wins; 2nd Chan Sien (C.F.C.)—4 wins; 3rd P. Marcal (HK Police)—3 wins; 4th Louis Shen (C.F.C.)—3 wins; 5th Sgt. Wainwright (Army)—1 win; 6th D. Carrott (Police)—1 win.

Barrege; P. Marcal beat Louis Shen 3-2.

The following, therefore, qualify for the final to be held on Friday, March 4, at 8 p.m. at the Boy's Scouts H.Q., Cox's Road, Kowloon.

Hung Hak To (C.F.C.); Chan Sien (C.F.C.); P. Marcal (HK Police); Lam Si Lap (C.F.C.); R. Peach (Army).

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Once again the Spot of Honour is a little crowded but I am sure that there will be few quibbles at the selection of the Pongkong Army hockey team to fill this week's top spot in the Sports Parade.

The fine play of our representatives in Singapore has brought much satisfaction to hockey fans in the Colony and the congratulations of the Tommy Atkins Column go to the team on its outstanding success.

Just to keep the record correct let me remind you that the Hongkong side defeated Singapore 5-1 and Malaya 8-1 to win the FARELF District Championship.

Nine of the players (not 10 as previously reported) were selected to represent FARELF against a Malaya Indian Selection. Sgt. Tribe (14th Ed. Regt RA), the Hongkong goalkeeper, was admitted to hospital before the first game took place and his position was filled by Bds. Surridge (1st N. Staffs).

The two positions in the FARELF side that were not filled by Hongkong players were goalkeeper and right-back.

IMPORTANT OCCASION

The defeat of a Champion is always an important occasion in any sporting competition and the news that the present holder of the Golf Championship, Major Elrick, has been knocked out of the 1955 tournament means that a new name will go into the list of champions.

Playing against Capt. Kennedy, whom he beat on his way to the title last year, Major Elrick was roundly beaten 5 and 4. This particular match was the subject of plenty of banter which was going on long before the first hole was reached and according to reliable reports it looks like continuing for some time as far as the loser is concerned.

WHY QUIBBLE?

The Army Soccer Referees will hold their regular monthly meeting at the NAAFI club, Chatham Road, on Saturday at 10 a.m. The work of this association has been favourably commented upon several times this season and there is no doubt that it is doing a great deal of important work in encouraging young referees and giving them an opportunity to gain experience with the whistle.

One feature of their meetings during the season is that attendances have gone up and up and the committee look forward to another record gathering on this occasion.

While I am on the subject of soccer referees there seems to be some surprise at the allocation of the Spot of Honour to Referee Stanley Lee. One attitude seems to be that he is not in the Army but he is a civilian attached to the Army and he takes a most active part in Army refereeing activities. I feel that he was fully qualified for the 'Top of the Parade' spot.

WELL CATERED FOR

Boring enthusiasts are well catered for this week. The first semi-final of the Land Forces Team Championship takes place at Beas Stables today when the much fancied competitors from the 1st Bn. King's Own Regt., cross gloves with the representatives from 1st Northampton.

The second semi-final, which brings together 1st N. Staffs and 1st Essex, will take place at Queen's Hill on Friday.

The big event in this tournament—the final—will take place at HQ 27 Inf. Bde. on Monday, March 7, and intending spectators are asked to note that boxing will start at 10.30 hrs.

This year sees the inauguration of the Land Forces Minor Units Hockey Cup. The new competition is open to units who competed in the Minor Units League.

The draw for the 1st Round is as follows:—

RHQ 27 HAA vs. 206 LAA Bty., RA.

6 COD vs. 6 HAA Bty., RA.

These games have to be played by March 7 and the following teams have received a bye into the second round:—130 HAA Bty., Dist. Workshops, For East Farm Camp, 23 HAA Bty., 216 LAA Bty., and 33 General Hospital.

ATHLETIC MEETS

The final of the Minor Units Athletics Team Championships is going on at 30. Boney Street today, in fact competition started at 10.30 a.m. this morning.

The following six teams are taking part:—27 Lt. Bty. RA., HQ 46 Bde., 6 COD, 173 Loc. Bty. RA., Command Pay Office and HKCTU.

It will be noticed that there is one change in the list from

that which I gave last week but this is accounted for by the fact that Dist. Workshops were subsequently disqualified for a breach of the rules and the HKCTU have come into the final in their place.

The final stage of the Major Units Athletic Team Championship will take place at Boundary Street on Saturday, March 12, and the list of competitors is as published last week. Once again it will be necessary to make an early start and the first event is timed for 10.30 a.m.

There are now over 100 entries for the Individual Athletic Championships and it is interesting to hear that the heaviest entries are for the Three Miles (15) and the One Mile (14).

Judging by the present lists it will only be necessary to run eliminating heats in the 100, 220, and 440 Yards and in the One Mile events.

Two days have been set aside for the meeting. Preliminaries are scheduled for March 8 and the finals will be staged on March 10, and of course Boundary Street will be the venue on both dates.

TREBLE INTEREST

There will be treble interest in the docking of the troopship 'Georgie' on Friday.

Rugby enthusiasts will be there to welcome the members of the 1st Fijian Regt. who are arriving to fight out the final of the FARELF Rugby Championship, but they will, of course, take part in a short series of games against other sides in the Colony.

The victorious basketball side from 56 Company IASC will be assured of a big welcome when they disembark, bringing the FARELF Championship with them while hockey fans will no doubt be on hand to congratulate the members of the successful Land Forces team when they step ashore as FARELF Champions.

And now a word of special congratulations to the Army footballers who play in the various sections of the HKFA Leagues. REME did a magnificent job on Saturday when they defeated the strong Little Sai Wan side by 4 goals to 2.

A little later the same day the RAMC scored a meritorious victory over the popular Jardine's eleven by the narrow margin of 2-1, and of course the members of the Sunday pattern by overcoming Sing Tao by three clear goals while over at Sookunpoo Army 'A' struggled to a two-nil success against the Royal Air Force.

FARELF FINAL

The final of the FARELF Rugby Championship between 72 LAA Regt. RA, and 1st Fijian Infantry Regt. will be played at the Club Stadium on Friday, March 11, at 4 o'clock.

The Land Forces Rugby Committee has made excellent arrangements for the staging of this match and a fleet of vehicles will be in operation to convey spectators from New Queen's Pier to Happy Valley and to return them to the Pier after the game is over.

Admission to the Stadium will cost \$1.20 and the Rugby Committee hopes that a big crowd will turn up to see this show game of the season.

U.S. THOMAS CUP TEAM

San Diego, Mar. 1. The selection of 20-year-old Bill Berry of San Diego as the sixth member of the United States Thomas Cup badminton team was made known in a telegram received here today from the Cup Committee Chairman.

Other members of the team which will meet Canada in the American Zone Final in Winnipeg on March 11 and 12 are: Joe Allen, Robert Williams, R. V. Rogers, Dick Mitchell and A. Loveday. These are all veterans but it will be Berry's first appearance. The winners of the American Zone will go to the Cup final in Singapore—Boris.

Richard Baerlein visits SIR GORDON RICHARDS

The new master builds the new Beckhampton on the old lines

The new Beckhampton stable being built by Sir Gordon Richards from scratch contains much in principle that was embodied in the most famous days of Beckhampton under the late Fred Darling.

As a trainer Fred Darling was as outstanding as Sir Gordon as a jockey.

Often I have heard Sir Gordon say: "I did not work for 25 years with Fred Darling for nothing," to illustrate some point of importance.

During these years Sir Gordon had obviously been watching and noting everything Darling did, however unimportant it may have seemed.

Sir Gordon has only half the Beckhampton stabling—the Upper Yard built by Darling in 1926 where there is now accommodation for 30 horses.

Mr. Jeremy Tree is building a fine string in the other half chiefly with home-bred horses.

The other great difference between Sir Gordon and Darling is the supply of horses to go into training.

BEST STUDS

Darling drew his yearlings annually from the best studs in the country.

Everyone was classically bred and personally inspected before it entered.

For nearly 30 years Sir Gordon rode these horses yet not one of those patrons has sent him a horse to train.

Sir Gordon is the first to acknowledge that there is a peculiar prejudice that jockeys do not make top-class trainers.

Think Harry Wragg, Sir Gordon and others will prove that untrue.

Sir Gordon's main owners Mr. Basil Mayrover, Mr. Stavros Niarchos and Mr. J. R. Mullion are all considering building studs on lines similar to those which kept Beckhampton supplied in the past.

REPAIRED

Since Christmas, Miss Dorothy Paget has joined the stable, and with 10 yearlings there already is numerically the strongest owner.

Before a horse ever entered the Richards stables the whole place was repaired and painted.

Then the staff began to arrive. Sir Gordon had noticed and been impressed by Morgan Scannell, when he was a Beckhampton stable lad. He "did" two of Sir Gordon's favourite

horses, Myrobella and Big Game, and long ago Scannell was promised the job of head man when he took up training.

WON FORTUNE

Scannell was only a 5st. apprentice when he "did" the grey Tetralena, who was trained by H. S. Perse.

Just before going to Beckhampton Scannell looked after the famous mare, Verdict, over whom a fortune was won in the Cambridgeshire.

Sir Gordon next took on Jack Blake, who has been breaking yearlings at Beckhampton for 40 years. He broke Manna Gorseach, Cameronian, Captain Cattle, Owen Tudor and other famous Beckhampton horses.

Blake likes horses to fight him when he first puts the tack on them for he says it shows courage. When I asked him the hardest horse he ever had to break he unhesitatingly named Combat.

UNBEATEN

"He took me and the governor (Fred Darling) a mile down the Bath road before we turned him."

Combat was unbeaten on the racecourse. Jack has broken most of the present string and his favourite is Mr. J. R. Mullion's Ungava, an Arctic Prince colt—perhaps because Ungava fought like a lion the first day.

"Tishy" Morgan, who has been working in the building trade was another of Darling's famous team who left when Darling retired. He is travelling back now as second head man.

"Sparro" Gibbons came back, too, and Ted Challa has been appointed travelling head man.

LUCKY?

While he was picking his horses, Sir Gordon was also choosing his apprentices—10 of them.

Fifteen-year-old Bobby Elliott comes from a Yorkshire farm, where he was the only rider in the stable.

Sir Gordon told Elliott: "I entered my first stable on New Year's Day and you can do the same. It may be lucky."

A new Beckhampton is rising fashioned on the old. No higher compliment can be paid.

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Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

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- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the

Club.

(Signed)



Here is Sir Gordon with his 10 apprentices at Beckhampton: Left to right, Ivan Jackson, Jimmy Mathieson, Ronald Williams, Bobby Elliott, Percy Medley, Malcolm Downes, Paul Gray, Brian Hitcham, Kneeling are Tom Orange and Patrick Gill.

SIR GORDON WITH HIS APPRENTICES

Sports Diary

TODAY

Tennis
Colony Singles (Semi-final) at HKCC 4.30 p.m.
Fencing
Colony Junior Championships (Semi-final) Prelim at YMCA 8.45 p.m.

TOMORROW

Tennis
Colony Doubles (Semi-final) at HKCC 4.30 p.m.
Boxing
King's Own Regt. v Northamptonshire at Beas Stables NT.
Inter-school Meet at Sookunpoo 2 p.m.
Badminton
Senior Mixed: Recreation v YMCA: HKU v CCC.

FRIDAY

Sports
St. Paul's College Annual Athletics at SCAA 9 a.m.
Badminton
Recreation v CCC: CYMCA v CYMCA (Men's A).
Fencing
Junior Follies (Final) Boys Scouts HQ, Cox's Path Kowloon 7.30 p.m.
Tennis
Colony Championships at HKCC.
HKAAA Exec. Cites at Ed. Dept. 8.15 p.m.

Title Fight For Humez

New York, Mar. 1. Charles Humez, French and European Middleweight boxing champion, will be given a match against Carl (Bobo) Olson for the World Middleweight boxing title as a result of the Frenchman's decisive win over Pierre Langlois in Paris last night, it was stated here today.

The assurance was given by Mr. Harry Markson, Managing Director of the International Boxing Club, Chief Promoter of world title fights in the United States. The referee stopped the Humez-Langlois fight last night in the fifth round when Humez was giving his fellow countryman a severe bashing. It was a Non-Title fight over ten rounds.

Langlois was recently beaten by Olson in a fight for the World Middleweight Championship.

"We are considering matching the two for this summer," said Mr. Markson. "It could be in May, June or July."

He added that Olson had a Non-Title fight with Joey Maxim of San Francisco on April 13 and Olson's Manager, Sid Flaherty, would have to be consulted.

"Even before Humez beat Langlois we had him in mind," Mr. Markson said. "We told Humez Manager that while we thought his fighter deserved recognition for a title fight he would have a better chance if he met Langlois and won decisively."

"He did that last night. That certainly makes him the Number one man for the title fight in our opinion. We will start negotiations soon."

Mr. Markson's statement followed those of Humez and his Manager in Paris that they were eager for a match with Olson.

A report from Paris tonight said that last night's fight at the Palais Des Sports brought in a record sum of 30,000,000 Francs (\$40,000).

The previous record was 24,000,000 Francs (\$28,000) for the Williams-Villanueva fight of December 11, 1950—Paris.

THOMAS CUP PLAYERS TO UNDERGO PT

Lengthy discussion over the selection and training of players to represent the Colony in the Thomas Cup tie against India ensued at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Badminton Association yesterday. Dr. the Hon. A. M. Rodrigues was in the chair.

Mr. W. B. Brown suggested that more time be allotted to the training of potential players from which the final selection will be made, but it was pointed out that with the necessity for visas to be taken out for those eventually selected, time was short.

The meeting agreed to the necessity for strict training, with the emphasis laid on physical exercise for building up stamina.

The Hon. Secretary was asked to write to the Hongkong Football Club for the use of their ground for the carrying out of physical training.

A tentative list of players who will be considered for selection has already been chosen, and the final composition of the team will be announced on March 21.

A Sub-Committee of Five was also appointed to go into the finances involved in sending a team to India.

The Chairman announced that Mr. David Kwok, who had been nominated as one of the selectors, had declined to serve, and Mr. K. Soares had been nominated in his place.

SUPPER DANCE

A Supper Dance is to be held at the Club Lusitano on March 26 to raise funds to send the team overseas. Tickets are at \$20 per couple and \$10 single. A souvenir programme is being prepared and there will be a draw for attractive prizes during the evening. The function commences at 8 p.m.

The meeting also invited entries for the Colony Senior and Junior Championships. Entries are to be sent to Mr. M. A. Oliveira, c/o Current Accounts Department, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and will close on March 21. Junior games will commence first but the senior games will not start until the return of the Hongkong Thomas Cup team.

A newly designed Hongkong Badminton Association badge was shown to members at last night's Executive Committee meeting and approved. It will be available to all affiliated players and Association officials at a cost of \$2 each.

Among those present at the meeting were Dr. Rodrigues (Chairman), Mr. Rambo Young (Hon. Secretary), Mr. M. A. Oliveira, Mr. W. B. Brown, Mr. J. B. Pomery, Mr. M. M. Soares, Mr. Zaiden Toke, Mr. T. J. Leighton, Mr. H. Barrow and Mr. J. P. Ara.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY
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House, 8th Floor, on Tuesday,
22nd March 1955 at 5.30 p.m.
to receive the Report of the
Committee for the year ended
31st December 1954 and to
approve the Accounts and to
transact such other business
as may be necessary accord-
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Haarlem, The Netherlands, Mar. 1.
Everyone named Taylor, Teyler or Tailor
may join one of the many "associations of heirs"
in various lands who lay claim to the fortune left
by Pieter Teyler van der Huijst, a fabulous rich silk
merchant who died here in 1778.

Its value in present-day terms is estimated at
650,000,000 guilders (about HK\$1,040,000,000).
There are about 600 to 700 claimants in Holland
alone, organised in a national federation of local
associations, and many others abroad, notably in
Britain and Germany.

Countless battles have
already been fought in the
courts by these groups of
"heirs" unsuccessfully. But the
issue, with its flavour of a
treasure hunt, remains very
much alive.

NEW ASSOCIATION

Already this year at least
one new association has
been founded. A meeting
at Rotterdam in mid-
January brought an atten-
dance of 150, and over
one-third of them enrolled
on the spot as members.

The merchant, Pieter Teyler,
wrote his 20-page will on
parchment in a clear and even
hand. It lies in the municipal
archives of Haarlem.

It is he directed that his
silk factory, his park, stables,
horses and carriages were to
be sold. Most of the assets, the
residue after the payment of a
large number of specific be-
quests, were to go towards a
Foundation to be managed by
five men as executors and
trustees. Each was to get a
salary of 1,000 florins a year.

The house in the Damstraat
by the River Spaarne was to
remain perpetually as it was at
the time of his death, complete
with library and collection of
medals, drawings and engrav-
ings.

The collections were not to
be broken up, and the
Foundation's five trustees were
charged to enlarge and if possi-
ble complete them.

NAMED FIRST

To assist the trustees, a
painter or other expert in
arts and sciences has always
to live in the house. Teyler
named the first of these
artists, and directed that he
should receive an annual
salary of 800 florins together
with free rent and specified
allowances.

The result of these provisions
is to be seen here today in the
well-known Teyler Museum
with its valuable collection of
paintings, books, coins, medals
and natural history exhibits.

But the main legal issue con-
cerns the legacy of 100,000
florins to his nearest friends
from Mother's estate.

Here a certain Catherine
Othoff, an aunt of Pieter Teyler
on his mother's side, had a
big part to play. She claimed
the 100,000 florins for herself.
She did not see the money in
her own lifetime since she died
in 1780, but her heirs took the
claim to the High Court, which
awarded them the money in
1780, together with 30,000
florins in accumulated interest.
But the matter did not end
there. Catherine's heirs dis-
covered in her will a second
claim of 100,000 florins on the
Teyler estate. This sum,
Catherine's will said, Teyler had
promised to pay the heirs from
his mother's side after a lapse
of 100 years.

So, in 1895-96, Catherine
Othoff's descendants made re-
quired efforts to obtain the
Teyler inheritance. They claim-
ed that they were entitled not
only to the second 100,000
florins but also to the rest of
Teyler's millions vested in the
Teyler Foundation.

Apart from the Othoff heirs,
the direct descendants of Teyler
were also advancing their

claims. They disputed the will,
one of their arguments being
that the solicitor who presided
at the signature of the will, a
certain Nicolaas Galie, was
under age and therefore the
will was null and void.

Thus, they argued, the
Foundation should be liquidated
and the money distributed to
his rightful heirs and descend-
ants.

Even Bismarck, the German
"Iron Chancellor," was drawn
into the affair in 1876, under
pressure from claimants and the
Press, he ordered the German
Consul in Amsterdam to have
investigations made, by three
prominent Dutch lawyers.

After thorough investigation
these experts pronounced in a
long statement: "Not a single
legal reason came to our know-
ledge which might lead to the
desired result if a new lawsuit
were instituted. No reason can
be found for compelling the
Teyler Foundation to pay any
amount to acknowledged or
presumed heirs of Pieter Tey-
ler van der Huijst."

STILL SUBSCRIBE

Far from abandoning
hope, however, claimants
still subscribe towards the
cost of instituting new
litigation.

Newspaper advertisements call
upon anyone who believes
that he has a claim on the
Teyler Foundation to step forward
and join the campaign.—China
Mail Special.

The Pope Returns To His Duties



PIER ANGELI IN CRASH

Palm Springs, Mar. 1.
Pier Angeli, Italian actress
who recently became the bride
of singer Vic Damone, suffered
a broken pelvis when she was
hurt while on an aeroplane flight
last week, doctors disclosed to-
day.

The actress is an expectant
mother, but doctors said it would
be a day or two before they
determine whether she would
lose her baby. She is expected
to be in hospital for at least a
month.

Miss Angeli fell when the
plane encountered rough flying
conditions on the short hop from
here to Hollywood. At first her
injuries were diagnosed as cuts
and bruises but she was taken
to hospital as a precautionary
measure because of her impend-
ing motherhood.

"Later examination disclosed
the other injuries," said Damone.
"Pier is cheerful but naturally
she worried a little."—United
Press.

The Pope, after a long
illness, holds his first session
of Cardinals at the Vatican
City and presides at the meet-
ing with ten Cardinals to vote
on the beatification of the
priest Leone Manghi, killed in
China in 1900, and the French
nun Eugenia Smet (Mary of
the Providence), also the
Italian nun Giulia Barbelli,
who founded the "St Mary of
Sorrowing Nuns." After the
convocation the Pope an-
nounced that the beatification
of these three would take
place this year.—Express
Photo.

Smooth Banknote Operation

London, Mar. 1.
New Communist Chinese
banknotes "moved smoothly into
circulation" when they were
issued today for the first time,
Peking radio reported.

Foreign exchange rates re-
calculated in terms of the new
currency remained unchanged,
the radio said.

Under the new currency
system, 10,000 old yuan will be
equal to one of the new yuan.
—Reuter.

CORRUPTION WARNING IN PERSIA

Civil Servants Told To Fight Evil

China Mail Special Writer

Teheran, Mar. 1.

The Persian Government has issued a flat
warning to civil servants in 1955 the fight against
corruption will be redoubled.

After national development schemes and the
anti-Communist purge, the ridding of public life
from corruption looms here as one of the major
domestic issues.

The Shah, in a series of plain statements made
throughout 1954, told his subjects that bribery and
corruption were curses which had to be banished
before Persian life could function well and win
universal respect.

Now, General Fazlollah
Zahedi, the Prime Minister, has
set in motion a hand-picked
anti-corruption team of in-
spectors who have his authority
to poke through any Ministerial
office on the lookout for illegal
acts.

WIN PUBLIC OVER

General Zahedi has sought
to win the general public
over to his campaign by
promising big rewards for
information which leads to
the discovery of bribery. To
civil servants themselves,
he has offered rewards for
such information equal to
the bribes dangled before
them.

It has been officially stressed
that the great majority of
Persian civil servants are
honest and devoted, if some-
what poorly paid, workers.

That corruption exists is
secret, least of all to respon-
sible Persians. For several
months, his inherited problem
has been aired in Parliament,
in newspapers and at numerous
meetings. To most officials, it is
a painfully familiar theme. The
only new thing now is that
decisive action is to be taken
against it.

Persians are born with the
knowledge, and foreigners very
soon acquire it, that the friend-
ly exchange of a currency note

CHEATED ANYWAY

For centuries estate own-
ers and merchants have
consciously underpaid their
workers by at least 10 per
cent, knowing that they will
cheat them mildly anyway.
Salaries are still fixed on
this theory even today
where domestic servants are
concerned.

The lack, or rejection, of
absolute standards in money
matters is a basic social in-
herent in Persia, which is
strong in Persia and throughout
the Middle East.

One old hand here explained:
"The shopkeeper asks you what
he thinks you can pay—not
what the article is worth. If
you have a new overcoat on,
you pay more. He knows that
the next customer may be a
poor man—who will not be able
to pay as you do. To him it
seems fair enough."

Many businessmen here, in-
cluding foreigners like the
expatriate firm in Persia, are
mildly astonished by talk of
"bribery."

"Why should I not pay some
poor fellow for helping me? He
gets little enough as it is—
certainly not enough to make
him run around the Ministry
of the Interior," remarked one
of the business community.

"In contacts with Ministers,
if I need something really bad-
ly, I use the open-drawer
technique. I ask my favour.
Then the top drawer of the
desk is opened and the official
leaves the room. I deposit my
gift in the drawer—and every-
thing is arranged. I am glad
to pay for special service."

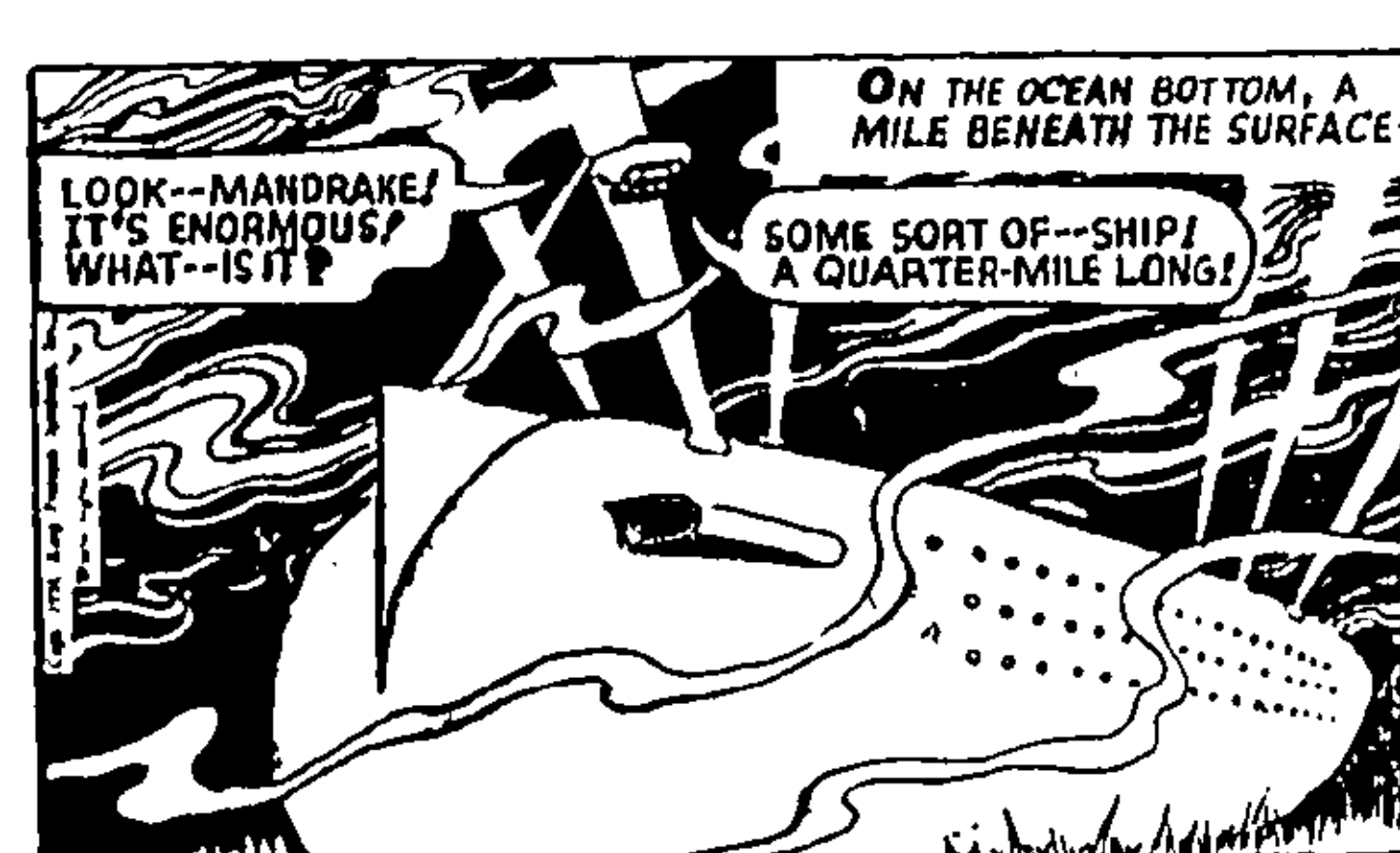
It appears to officials "with
whom I discussed this problem
that bribery, on small and
large scale, cannot be abolished
until at least three things are
done:

1. The wages of civil servants
must be improved. They get
between 3,000 and 6,000 rials
(HK\$240 to HK\$480) a month.
Living costs have risen eight
times since 1941 and this salary
is inadequate to live on decent-
ly and maintain a family. Many
of them have one or two other
jobs which double their income.
The more outside work they
do, the less time they have to
devote to their Government
employment. It sometimes
happens that a civil servant
spends only half an hour a day
at his Government job. Many
look upon their civil servant's
salary as more in the nature of
a subsidy—a kind of welfare
relief for the educated classes—
than as a wage.

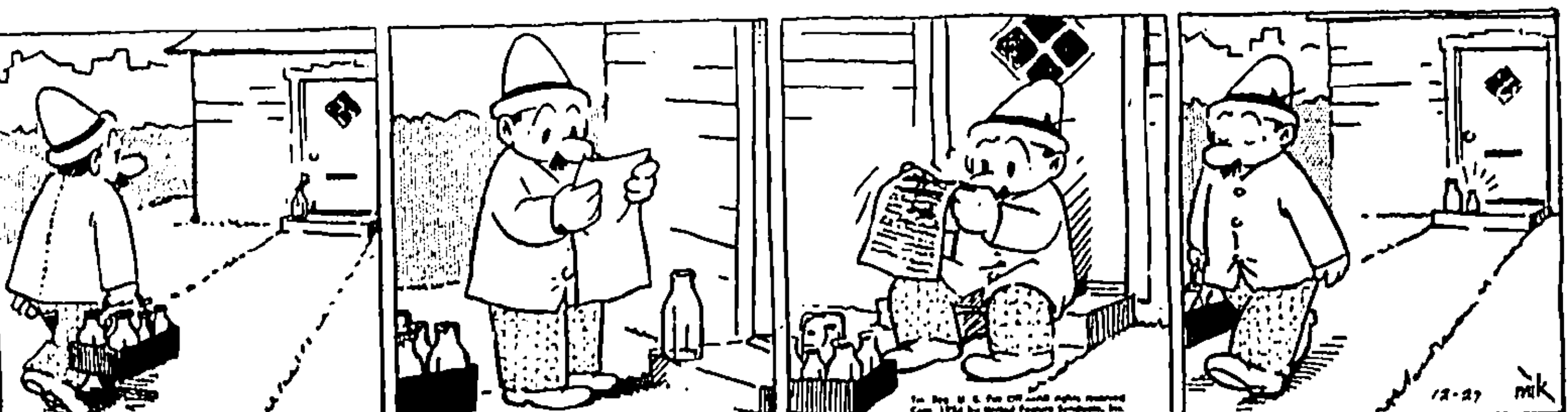
2. Wider outlets must be
provided to absorb the educated,
white-collar worker. In Persia
about 200,000 men are civil
servants. But there are full time
jobs for only, probably, some
50,000. An expansion of in-
dustry and national service,
especially education, health and
law, would open up new ad-
ministrative posts for these
talented men who otherwise
crowd into already overstuffed
Government offices. But the
expansion of industry and
national service can only
follow a general economic ex-
pansion and a rise in the
standard of living—which is a
long term project of perhaps 20
years.

3. The state taxation system
must be overhauled and
efficient methods of collection
introduced. The present tax
system, which is out-of-date—
one newspaper described it as
"medieval"—is one of the
prime causes of bribery on a
large scale. From this results
the evasion of a large scale—
an enormous in which cor-
ruption, although limited to a
few, can flourish.

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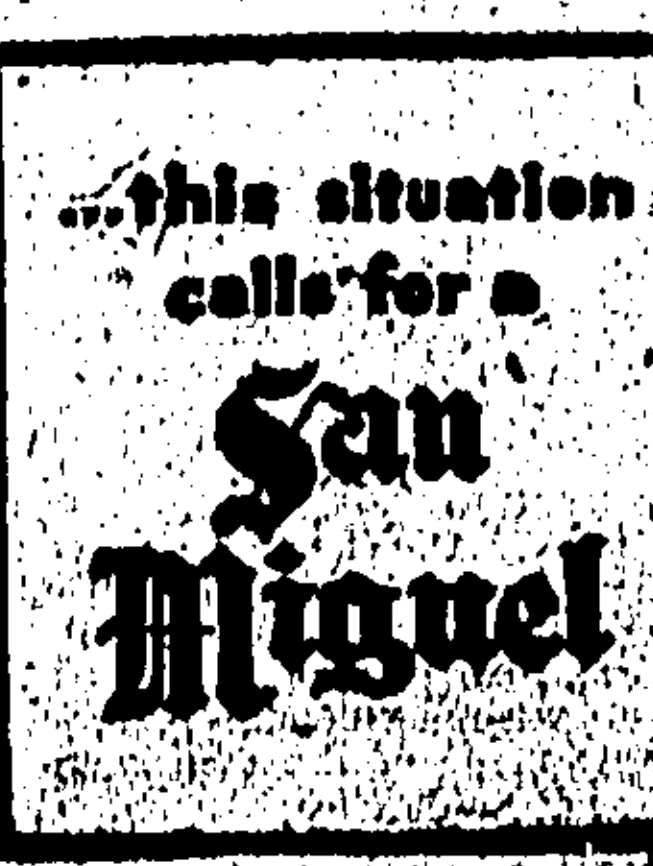
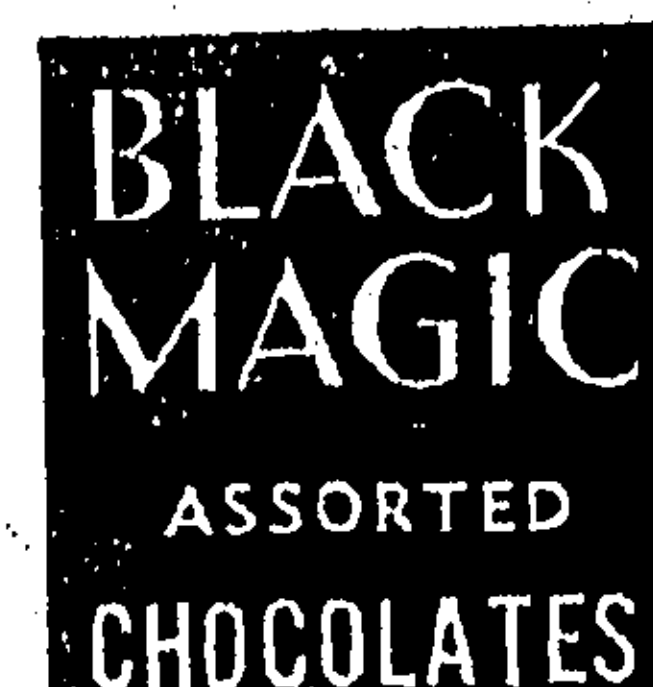


By Ernie Bushmiller

JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins



OLD PAPER & UNFINISHED CATHEDRAL

Barcelona, Mar. 1. This Mediterranean city of Barcelona is proud of its new motorcar factory where 100 seat 14 hp 4-5-seater cars (the Spanish version of the Italian Fiat 1400) are turned out every week by 7,000 workers.

Eventually, 21,000 employees will work at the great plant sprawling on the south-east just south of the city, doubling current production. The backlog of orders at present is said to be 30,000 cars. Another important development in this leading industrial city of Spain is a sporting one. Barcelona is the first city of Spain in which the national football team, the "barcelonistas," are based. The City Council is a 34,000,000,000 (HK\$4,000,000) a Palace of Sports, ready for the Mediterranean Games, is to be built here. The city is also the first in Spain to have a television station. The city is also the first in Spain to have a television station. The city is also the first in Spain to have a television station.

TWO LANGUAGES
Barcelona today continues to have two languages. In spite of the official ban on the use of the Catalan language in schools, newspapers or on the radio, Spanish (Castilian) is heard on the streets.

Some 6,000,000 people in Catalonia speak Catalan, and the language is the official language of the region. The language is the official language of the region. The language is the official language of the region.

The city, too, has the second oldest daily newspaper in Europe, only The Times of London is older. The Diario de Barcelona, now 153 years old, in the days of the Napoleonic invasion of Barcelona, the proprietor of the Diario fled to the island of Majorca and published the paper there, while the French occupying forces in Barcelona published a French-language edition.

The town of diesel engines can be heard on many streets. The town of diesel engines can be heard on many streets. The town of diesel engines can be heard on many streets. The town of diesel engines can be heard on many streets.

MAIN PROBLEM
Barcelona's main problem is that it attracts large numbers of peasants from the surrounding areas of Spain's "poor South." About 40,000 of these peasants have been settling each year in Barcelona—more than the town's industry can absorb, especially as most of the immigrants are unskilled.

Various control measures, now keep the influx down to about 20,000 a year.

The flood of tourists from Europe and America which has invaded Spain in the last few years has brought much money to Barcelona.

Tourists pour through the city on their way to the Balearic Islands, or to the Canary Islands, or to the Canary Islands.

A new motor road running south of the city brings the lovely beaches of nearby Castelldefels within half an hour of the centre of Barcelona—a boon to Sunday excursionists.

Although Barcelona is not famous for Communism, particularly because the latter disapprove of Catalan regional autonomy tendencies, some people express a certain sympathy with 39 local Communists who were arrested in 1949.

These were finally sentenced in 1952 to terms of imprisonment ranging from one to six years. Now, in 1954, their sentences have been changed to range from 20 years to life.

Barcelona traffic police place prominent signs in public places giving day-by-day figures for street casualties. Last year, 63 people were killed and 2,338 injured in car crashes in Barcelona. This year's figures are running still higher.

WONDER WHY
Many visitors, after watching the great cathedral, wonder why the figures are not even higher. Barcelona newspapers constantly urge that building of the Cathedral of the Holy Family (Catedral de la Sagrada Família) begun 72 years ago by Barcelona's extravagant architect, Antoni Gaudí, should be completed.

Half-built, the towers stand towards the sky like corn cobs. But it needs 400,000 million pesetas (HK\$100,000,000) to finish this fantastic structure and not everyone in Barcelona believes that it merits such expenditure.—China Mail Special.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Mar. 1. Stocks continued to push forward under high grade leadership today with only a bit of cautious selling near the close to mirror the record.

All major groups finished higher, with rails and utilities and industrial shares below their all-time high.

Among the leaders, the Standard Oil of New Jersey rose 1/4 point to 44 1/4, while the United States Steel rose 1/4 point to 44 1/4.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

WORLD PRODUCTION OF GOODS

All Hemispheres Continue To Hit Highs And Share In Steady Rise

United Nations, Mar. 1. World production of goods and services continued to touch new peaks over nearly two decades with all geographical areas sharing in the steady but considerable rise, according to a report issued here.

World trade has expanded more than threefold from 1938 to 1953. The United States, as in the past, continued as the biggest producer and consumer of the world's products and power.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Mar. 1. Cotton futures, today opened lower and remained on the defensive for the rest of the session.

Closing slightly above the extreme lows, the cotton futures were unchanged to 4 points. New Orleans closed off 27 to 20 points.

The reaction proved the sharpest for any cotton in four months, while the nearby positions dropped to the lowest level since late June last year.


March contract, liquidation, plus commission, house selling and increased hedge offerings found trade buyers reserved.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
March	10,500	101,300
April	65,000	1,146,000
May	37,000	831,300
June	17,000	203,000
July	12,000	171,200
August	3,100	100,700
September	200	4,900
October	150,700	2,728,000

NEW ORLEANS
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

May	34 20-30
July	34 34
Oct	34 43
Mar.	34 53
May	34 04
July	34 04



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